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Bay City, Michigan 48706

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Dear [redacted]

Your letter was received on December 14th and I appreciate the interest which prompted you to write and furnish me your views. Your good wishes are most encouraging and mean a great deal to me.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles.

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December 9, 1970

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J. Edgar Hoover
F. B. I.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

You are to be commended for your remarks about the late Rev. King and his Peace Award.

If there was ever a miscarriage of justice, this Peace Award was it. How any group in their right minds could make this award to a person who flaunted the laws of his country, disobeyed them with impunity, and was a rabble rouser of the worst type and who took refuge behind the cloak of religion is beyond the comprehension of any normal right thinking person.

May you continue to enjoy good health and remain as one of our nation's guardians and leaders.

Respectively,

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Lafayette, Indiana 47902

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Dear [redacted]

I have received your letter of December 11th and appreciate the interest which prompted you to write and furnish me your views. Your support is most encouraging and means a great deal to me.

Although I would like to be of assistance, this Bureau does not have for distribution the material you requested.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE: There is no record of correspondent in Bufiles.

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C. 20013

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Congratulations!! On your comments about Rev. Martin Luther King. I always have openly expressed my comments about him - a rabble rouser, trouble maker and a defiant of the law - however I was considered wrong.

Noble Peace Award? My wife and I have stood in the hall where this award is given in Europe, and I cannot comprehend Rev. King receiving this award in this august surrounding.

Do you have available a copy of his talk "on the mount" the night before he was assassinated? I would like to carefully study the words about defying the law.

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Sincerely,

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Private Life or U.S. Property?

A Commentary

By Nicholas von Hoffman

A decent regard for the family and friends of public men has inhibited cops, journalists and biographers from publishing embarrassing material about their private lives until after the principals have gone to their graves. This was the case with Benjamin Franklin, Alexander Hamilton and so on through to Warren Harding and Franklin Roosevelt. In life and in death another rule has been used with Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Time after time we pick up the paper and learn that he had a sex life, a rather ordinary one by American standards, and not much different from many other men of prominence. It wasn't what Dr. King may have done in bed that made him the superior of so many police chiefs, senators and presidents.

The newest furor over Dr. King's behavior as an American male comes from a book by black novelist John A. Williams. ("The King God Didn't Save," Coward-McCann, New York, 1970, $5.95, and don't rush out to buy it expecting sexy passages because there aren't any.) In the book Mr. Williams says, "As a black man, I do not have to ask why such 'barnyard gossip' was never circulated about the alleged, red-hot romance between (deleted, white politician) and (deleted, movie star). Why should I ask after the alleged extracurricular activities of (deleted, President) or (deleted, President) or (deleted, prince) or (deleted, princess)? . . . Anything black people set into motion is going to be monitored, anything, and then if possible compromised."

Elsewhere the writer accuses the government of clandestinely snapping pictures and tape recording episodes in the civil rights leader's private life and then politically blackmailing him: "At some point along the way, someone in the government let him (Dr. King) know that he had been taped and photographed in situations that might be considered compromising by the Puritan masses. He was asked to soft-pedal his activities, to make the appearance of carrying on as usual when in substance, he would not be . . . Black people assume that J. Edgar Hoover has served for so long simply because he must know a lot about a lot of people, things they would not be happy to see made public. A former Senate aide told me that once while attending a meeting of a group of senators, there was a serious discussion about forming a task force to go into Hoover's office, should he die suddenly, and remove the files. Presumably this was to prevent Hoover's successor from using [illegible] information."

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This is the skunks who recently sought an interview with me. I shall of course not see him.

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The Sunday Star (Washington)
Daily News (New York)
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Using other sources Time magazine (Aug. 17) corroborates Williams, saying, "Hoover explained to King just what damaging private detail he had on the tapes and lectured him that his morals should be those befitting a Nobel prize-winner. He also suggested that King should tone down his criticism of the FBI. King took the advice. His decline in black esteem followed . . ."

This version of what happened at the 1964 King-Hoover meeting is denied by some of Dr. King's associates, although they say they're still having their phones tapped. A number of newspapermen say that attempts were made to foist feelthy tape recordings on them. Quite a picture that suggests. Mr. Hoover and/or his agents peddling smut, trying to get it printed in family newspapers and all the time telling us it's Cammoonists that're behind the obscenity.

The cop-God remains silent and invisible behind his bureaucratic iconostasis. What he might say in his defense is unknown. No committee of Congress, no one in the executive branch or the courts, has looked into these and other disturbing matters concerning his office and made the results public. If it's true he has a dossier on all the important figures in officialdom, their unwillingness to make inquiries is understandable.

But how should people who want to take a hand in public affairs defend themselves against the FBI when its prurient interests are aroused? Perhaps sex laws which are obeyed with the same punctilio as our traffic laws should be changed to make anything that happens in private between consenting adults legal. Such is the case in Illinois. Another response might be to encourage public nudity and lovemaking, thereby debasing the value of feelthy pictures and dirty tape recordings so that they can't be used as blackmail.

None of this exculpates Mr. Hoover and his representatives of what they did. First there is the question of what they were doing when King was murdered. If they were in a position to know what kind of underwear the man was wearing, where were these girlie-magazine cops when the rifleman was drawing a bead on Dr. King? How come they couldn't see that?

What was their role in the investigation of the murder? They appear to be the persons who discovered James Earl Ray, the man who is supposed to have done it alone, although he says he was involved in a conspiracy with other unnamed and seemingly unsought individuals. Lately a witness has been found locked up in an insane asylum who says the man running from the flop house bathroom where the shots were fired was not James Earl Ray. What knowledge does the FBI have of that?

Beyond such questions there is the matter of how the FBI appears to have used Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. A lot of public men lay claim to the title leader. They get it with the prefix "Honorable" but nobody's ever seen the pack of them walking up a street leading a hundred thousand people. Martin Luther King actually was a leader. Millions of people followed him, both literally and by holding their minds open to his instruction.

He made his mistakes, had his weaknesses, committed his stupidities as all leaders and all people do, but he remains the outstandingly admirable public figure of our time. He began as a leader of black men and died a leader of men; he began as a leader in a fight against the legal formalities upholding racism and died fighting for decent wages for Memphis garbagemen and for all of us in attempting to bring peace in Vietnam. He was such a leader that he taught even his enemies. Today, what he said 10 years ago can be heard coming out of the mouth of an Agnew, a Mitchell or a Nixon.

If Mr. Hoover misused the power of his office to bring him down, the FBI director and his accomplices have performed an act of unpardonable idiocy. Significant portions of both races trusted Dr. King to lead them to a new high ground of fraternal union; he stood for *the* legal and peaceful alternative to the killing that's happening to us now, to the development of our native Tupamaros. When Chicago police detective James Alfano Jr. died the other night of a sniper's bullet, he and every urban warfare victim could thank the FBI to the extent that Mr. Hoover contributed to Dr. King's destruction and made those of us who hope for progress through peace and law look like fools.

December 16, 1970

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Poland, Ohio 44514

b7(c) Dear [redacted]

I have received your letter of December 10th and want to thank you for your thoughtfulness. Your kind remarks are most encouraging and your support certainly means a great deal to me.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Dec 10, 1970

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Thank you for having the courage to speak out on the subject of Martin Luther King and his being awarded the Nobel prize. As you might imagine, I and many others concur with you.

I have always been one of your admirers. I shall never forget your warnings many years ago about the communistic aggression in our country.

The unfortunate part is as I see it Mr. Hoover, the average American is too stupid to heed your advice, and you may go down in history as one of our countrys' martyrs. --I hope I'm wrong!

Sincerely,

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Poland, Ohio

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[redacted]
Houston, Texas 77027

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Director of FBI
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover,

The attached "quotes" credited to you expresses my opinion also and I would add that in my opinion no man has done more to plant the seeds of anarchy in this nation since it was founded -

You have my unreserved support and a loud AMEN!

Sincerely

/s/ [redacted]

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Monday, December 7, 1970 HOUSTON CHRONICLE

Hoover: King Last Person Who Should Have Received Nobel

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"He never attacked the bureau again," Hoover said. King was assassinated April 4, 1968.

Hoover said the exchange occurred in December, 1964, while King was preparing to receive the Nobel Peace prize. "He was the last one in the world who should ever have received it," he said.

"I held him in complete contempt because of the things he said and because of his conduct," Hoover said.

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[redacted]
Washington, D. C. 20002

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Dear [redacted]

I have received your letter of December 7th and want to thank you for your thoughtfulness. Your support of my work is most encouraging and means a great deal to me.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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F.B.I.
Director J. Edgar Hoover

Dear Sir: Martin Luther King

According to the enclosed clipping, I agree with you 100%. I've said all along that King wasn't worthy of the Nobel Peace Prize . . .

King did nothing but incite, which caused rioting etc, so why would he be entitled to a peace prize.

The person or persons who suggested that King receive the Nobel Peace Prize certainly should have their head examined.

Good luck to you and keep up the good work.

Sincerely,

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Washington, D.C. 20002

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Hoover Says Dr. King Wasn't Worthy of Nobel

United Press International News Article

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Protecting the President

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Angleton, Texas 77515

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December 9, 1970

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

The enclosed clipping from one of our local area newspapers. Reading it has prompted my first "fan" letter at the age of 65. Be assured that millions agree with you. Just wish that there was some way to split some of the abuse you and your bureau has to put up with.

Sincerely,

[redacted]

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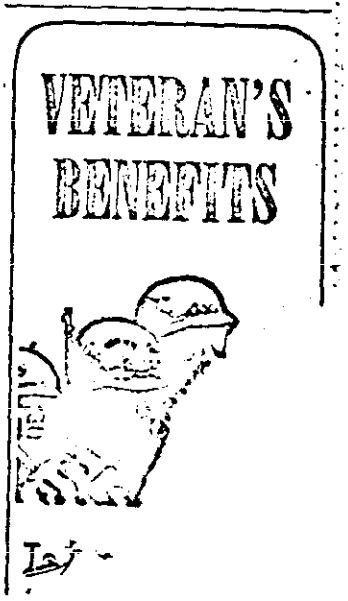
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[redacted] Beach, CA 90[illegible]

December 10, 1970

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Pennsylvania Ave. at 9th, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20004

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Dear Mr. Hoover:

Yours is, indeed, a voice in the wilderness of misguided actions on the part of towns and cities naming hospitals, parks, etc. after Martin Luther King, Jr. I was delighted to read in our local newspaper (enclosure) of your stance - a rarity today.

Thank heavens for people of your stature: You've had the courage to speak out and say what I and many others have thought from the time the award to King was announced.

I do not know what we will do without you once you decide to relinquish the reins of a most important Bureau today. May you be blessed with abundant good health and, thus, be able to continue for many years to come.

Yours sincerely,

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A-10—INDEPENDENT (AM)
PRESS-TELEGRAM (PM)
Long Beach, Calif., Mon., Dec. 7, 1970

Hoover Blasts Nobel Prize to King, Tells RFK Row

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December 8, 1970

Mr J Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington D.C.

Dear Mr Hoover:

On television the other night, excerpts indicated your non-support of Luther King, Jr.

I, being one of the middle aged 'silent majority' commend you for fearlessly saying what I have felt for so long.

I feel communism has been coming in our back door for so many years that most of the American citizenry are not aware of exactly what is happening.

May God protect you with good health to continue your work.

Very truly yours,

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Willoughby Ohio
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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

The attached pages from my manuscript will show my reason for writing you to congratulate you on having the "guts" to speak out publicly on the Martin Luther King matter.

It is a strange thing that so many people are reluctant to take the unpopular viewpoint of a scoundrel who basked in the mellow light of "clergy" and the ill conceived Nobel Peace Prize to the detriment of humanity.

Perhaps there are others who hold my views, but to date, you are the only one I have heard express it publicly.

Congratulations again, and thanks for long service.

Sincerely

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.....The "ministers" departed for their homes to spread the word of Oral Roberts, which was imparted to them at their first meeting, while those who were "saved" will continue to receive "the word" in a six-easy-lessons correspondence course in bible study.

Because of the undeserved credibility and reverence for the clergy and church, this society has created an image concerning them that permits charlatans, despots, and other criminals, to cloak themselves in an aura of respect and escape the insidious nature of their being. Some outstanding examples may be further noted, as follows -

The Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr., whose Christian religion teaches peace-and-good-will from which his often repeated "non-violence" derived, was well aware that it was only a catch-phrase designed to placate authorities while urging "demonstrations", knowing full well that mass demonstrations must inevitably lead to violence. Few will remember or acknowlege the fact his leadership in the black movement was encouraged by and for political reasons in an election year, nor that his Nobel Peace Prize was Communist inspired in Sweden at a time when John F. Kennedy was the most outstanding candidate with his Peace-Corps. The combination of Minister, Martyr, Nobel-Laurate, and leader of a once oppressed people, causes most people to forget and forgive the fact that his Communistic leanings and subversive militant associates required constant surveillance and electronic eavesdropping by the FBI from 1964, until his assasination in 1968.

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Adam Clayton Powell, a politically motivated preacher of the Abyssinian Church of his constituents in Harlem, N.Y., has publicly declared that his church members and political constituents condone his action in stealing public funds, and as if to prove it, re-elected him unanimously. His charlatanism, like that of Rev. King, may be said to be the least of their sins.

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William Franklin Graham, popularly known as Billy Graham, is a well known example of charlatanism, in that, in addition to his world-wide evangelical activities, he (or his staff members) writes a daily column for many newspapers, in which he provides answers to ALL problems which, in the opinion of this writer, qualifies him for membership in the not-too-exclusive club of those pretenders to more knowledge than they possess, namely, quacks; or charlatans if you prefer.

Whether it be Billy Graham with his fundamentalist-dogmatic-charismatic approach; Martin Luther King, Jr., and Adam Clayton Powell, with their enigmatic doings; Oral Roberts with his flamboyant antics; or Bishop Sheen with his dramatics, joined by Pope Paul VI with his holy-hogwash, they, and all of their religious profession are, in fact, CHARLATANS, within the meaning of the word first stated, and it is thought that many of them must necessarily know it.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI ATT: CRIME RECORDS DIVISION

FROM: SAC, HONOLULU (100-6313)

SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING
TIME MAGAZINE ARTICLE

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are a series of articles which appeared in Honolulu newspapers on the evening of 8/10/70 and 8/11/70 concerning the recent article which appeared in "Time" magazine alleging that the Director chastised subject for his extramarital activities. Also enclosed are two editorials which appeared in both the morning "Honolulu Advertiser" and the afternoon "Honolulu Star-Bulletin" which have prejudged the Director and the FBI. These articles are all self-explanatory.

Inasmuch as it would appear this is a national press release and that the Bureau will be receiving numerous comments concerning the "Time" article, no direct action is being taken to refute, substantiate and/or comment concerning any of the statements appearing in the editorials.

It would appear that both newspapers through their editorials have decided to be "judge and jury" of this affair, using the questionable article appearing in "Time" as their sole authority to judge the Director and the FBI. It would appear that no good purpose would be served in taking these editors to task for their unfair treatment of this affair without seeking clarification from the Director, and further any such contact would merely dignify their editorial comments. No further action is being contemplated, UACB.

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How FBI Tapes Cooled King

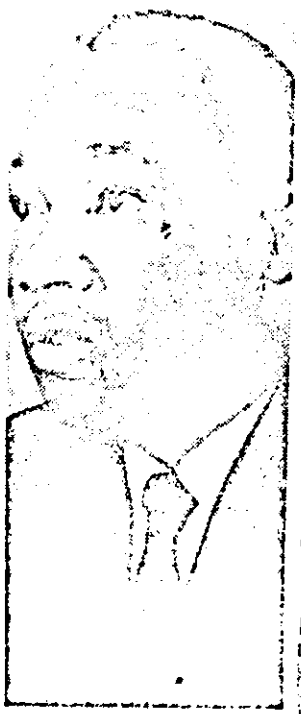
NEW YORK (AP) — Time magazine says the late Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. muted his criticism of the FBI after its director, J. Edgar Hoover, confronted him with wiretaps revealing King's alleged extra-marital activities.

In an article discussing a new book about King, "The King God Didn't Save" by author John Williams, Time gives its version of a 1964 meeting between King and Hoover.

TIME SAYS Williams reports the FBI began tapping King's telephone and bugging his motel rooms in 1963. While it uncovered no subversion it "did turn up an astonishing amount of information about King's extensive and vigorous sexual activities."

Time continues: "Williams has the correct outline of the FBI tape story. What he does not have is precisely what happened at the celebrated meeting between FBI Director Hoover and King in 1964.

"Hoover, Time learned, explained to King just what damaging private detail he had on the tapes and lectured him that his morals should be those befitting a Nobel Prize winner. He also suggested that King should tone down his criticism of the FBI. King took the advice. His decline in black esteem followed, a decline scathingly narrated by Williams."



Martin Luther King Jr.

THE FACT that the FBI had been tapping King's telephone was disclosed last year by FBI agent Robert Nichols in a Houston, Tex., courtroom where boxer Cassius Clay was seeking to vacate a sentence for refusal to be inducted into the Army. One of the monitored conversations was between King and Clay.

Nichols was not allowed by the judge to say why King's phone was tapped, but he said it occurred at a time when King was attacking the FBI for assigning Southern agents, rather than Northerners, to protecting civil rights workers.

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Hoover confronted him with tapes

'other women' in King's life

NEW YORK (UPI) — Time magazine in a news release published yesterday said that Martin Luther King toned down his criticism of the FBI after its director, J. Edgar Hoover, confronted him with wiretap transcriptions revealing extra-marital "activities" by King.

Time said the King-Hoover meeting occurred in 1964 about four years before King was assassinated in Memphis. A report on the meeting is in this week's issue of the magazine.

KING, A Baptist minister and Nobel Peace Prize winner, was head of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, a major group advocating better civil rights for Negroes. His wife Coretta is a leader in the civil rights movement.

Time said that at the 1964 meeting "Hoover explained to King just what damaging private detail he had on the (wiretap) tapes and lectured him that his morals should be those befitting a Nobel Prize winner. He also suggested that King tone down his criticism of the FBI. King took the advice. His decline in black esteem followed."

Time said its information came in conjunction with a new book on King by John Williams, a Negro, who argues that King was the victim of a plot to manipulate, "castrate and ultimately destroy him."

"SUSPECTING that some of his associates had Communist connections, the FBI began tapping King's telephone and bugging his hotel rooms in 1963," the Time press release on the article said.

"From a security standpoint, the wiretaps uncov-

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ered nothing. They established no links between King and the Communists.

"But," Williams reports, "they did turn up an astonishing amount of information about King's extensive and vigorous sexual activities.

"ACCORDING to one of Williams' sources — identified only as Person B. — Martin and the rest of them had a code. A very attractive woman was called Doctor. I forget the other names for women not so attractive. Williams' informant was a doctor.

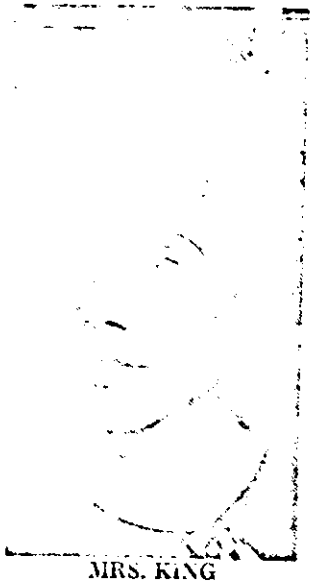
"Most newspapers ignored the rumors and leaks to them of King's extra-marital activities, but their existence undetermined King's effectiveness just the same. The effect, said Williams, was one slow political assassination. King was spared it only by the bullet of James Earl Ray."

RAY WAS convicted of murder in the King slaying and is serving a life term in prison.



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MRS. KING

Mrs. King denies story on wiretap

ATLANTA (UPI) — Three members of Dr. Martin Luther King's staff who attended a meeting between King and FBI director J. Edgar Hoover denied yesterday a Time magazine report that the director confronted King with wiretap evidence of extra-marital activities.

Mrs. Coretta King, in a separate statement, also denied the Time story which said King toned down criticism of the FBI only after

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Hoover showed him tapes which revealed "extensive and vigorous sexual activities."

"The conversation between my husband and Mr. Hoover, which he (King) related to me, do not correspond at all to the Time magazine report," Mrs. King said. "The love, concern and devotion which Martin expressed toward me and the children are our most precious and treasured memories."

THE REV. RALPH D. Abernathy, King's successor as president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, the Rev. Andrew J. Young, and the Rev. Walter E. Fauntroy said they were all present during the meeting between Dr. King and Hoover ". . . and at no point did Mr. Hoover lecture Dr. King or ever comment on his personal life.'

The statement issued jointly by the three men said, "It is even more blantly untrue that Dr. King slowed down his activities because he felt threatened. History is the witness here."

They recounted King's civil rights triumphs in Selma, Ala., in 1964, his works toward obtaining key civil rights legislation from Congress in 1965, and other movements by the black leader.

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Rev. King's Colleagues Deny Story

NEW YORK (AP) — Three associates of the late Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and his widow have taken issue with a Time magazine account of a 1964 meeting between King and FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover.

The three colleagues of the slain civil rights worker branded as "totally false" Time's report that Hoover confronted King with wiretaps revealing King's alleged extramarital activities.

Coretta S. King said in a statement from Atlanta that the Time story "does not correspond" with what her husband told her.

TIME, IN discussing author John Williams' new book about King, "The King God Didn't Save," said Hoover "lectured" King on his morals and suggested he tone down his criticism of the FBI.

The Rev. Ralph David Abernathy, King's successor as head of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference; the Rev. Andrew Young and the Rev. Walter E. Fauntroy said in a joint statement yesterday:

"All three of us were present during the entire discussion and at no point did Mr. Hoover lecture Dr. King or even comment on his personal life . . . Time magazine discredits itself in seeking to throw mud on a man admired and loved by millions, black and white. It discredits itself in stooping to sensationalism through fiction and irresponsibility."

A SPOKESMAN for Time, commenting on the statements, said:

"A careful reading of Time's article should make quite clear the magazine's admiration for Dr. King's work — for example, the observations that Dr. King's leadership brought conscience and cohesion to the cause of black equality and that he was the catalyst in the formation of a truly national civil rights movement.

"As for the facts in the article, Time stands by its reporting."

In Chicago, the Rev. Jesse Jackson, national director of the SCLC's Operation Breadbasket, charged the FBI with "intentional defamation of character" in making the tapes.

"MR. HOOVER has stooped to the lowest rungs of viciousness and maliciousness in his underhanded dissemination of information regarding a deceased man," Jackson told a news conference.

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the King affair

Sad and disturbing are words that come to mind on the Time magazine report that Martin Luther King toned down his criticism of the FBI and lost influence after director J. Edgar Hoover confronted him with wiretap evidence that revealed extra-marital activities.

The reports on the activities of the great civil rights leader are not new; indeed, that is part of the concern. But they were not before made front page gossip.

Assuming it's true, that truth should come out and man must pay for his transgressions, there can still be real sympathy for King's widow and children.

WHAT THE NEW flareup should be is another weight on the scale of reasons why the aged Hoover ought to retire. The nation should not have to wait until completion in a few more years of Hoover's dream — the much-delayed new FBI headquarters which presently at over $100 million will be the nation's most costly government building.

For even if Hoover didn't make the threat as reported, the facts of the King wiretap and other reported uses of the information from it are disturbing enough.

King wasn't a subversive by almost anybody's definition. Nor did the wiretaps and buggings of his various rooms seem to produce any unpatriotic connections.

BUT THE NOBEL Prize winner and black leader was a growing foe of the Vietnam war, as well as of some FBI activities.

Perhaps writer-investigator I.F. Stone put it most succinctly: "While the excuse for tapping King's phones was 'internal security' its chief result was to permit the FBI to spread stories about King's sex life."

In his new book which sparked the current controversy, "The King God Didn't Save," Negro author John A. Williams pictures the aim of neutralizing King's activities and influence.

Williams puts this in a racial context:

"A black man, I do not have to ask why such 'barnyard gossip' was never circulated about the alleged red-hot romance between Robert Kennedy and Marilyn Monroe. Why should I ask after the alleged extra-curricular activities of John F. Kennedy or Dwight D. Eisenhower or Prince Philip or Princess Margaret? . . .

"Anything black people get into motion is going to be monitored, anything, and then, if possible, compromised. That is the way things go in this nation; they always have . . ."

BUT YOU DON'T have to be black to see the potential dangers from such invasions of privacy as bugging and wiretapping — dangers to both movements and individuals.

Assume that Hoover didn't do what Time magazine says, or that other FBI officials didn't use the "King tapes" to discredit a great humanitarian leader and prophet of nonviolence, as so many sources say they did.

Then you still end up with an awesome potential for evil, for turning gratuitous or non-productive invasions of privacy for the purpose of crime control into various forms of political blackmail in the hands of unscrupulous leaders, local or national.

IF SOCIETY only understands that point, and how much privacy has already been invaded by increasing surveillance, then more apathetic citizens might start to realize why so many other "innocents" are concerned and freightened.

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Indefensible, If True

Assuming the accuracy of Time Magazine's report, which was published in this newspaper yesterday, the supposedly inviolate and incorruptible FBI is guilty of what many Americans fear most in big government today—invasion of personal privacy, and, therewith, intimidation.

The story is this:

The FBI began "bugging" the late Martin Luther King's hotel rooms and tapping his telephone in 1963. The federal agency suspected King of subversion. While it uncovered no subversion, Time says, quoting from a new book by [illegible] Williams. "The King God Didn't Save," it "did turn up an astonishing amount of information about King's extensive and vigorous sexual activities."

Time continues:

"Williams has the correct outline of the FBI tape story. What he does not have is precisely what happened at the celebrated meeting between FBI Director (J. Edgar) Hoover and King in 1964.

"Hoover, Time learned, explained to King just what damaging private detail he had on his tapes and lectured him that his morals should be those befitting a Nobel Prize winner. He also suggested that King should tone down his criticism of the FBI. King took the advice. His decline in black esteem followed, a decline scathingly narrated by Williams."

The intent here is not to defend the late Negro leader's personal misbehavior, if any. But, again assuming the correctness of Time Magazine's story, this is what happened:

The Federal Government invaded the privacy of an individual and then browbeat—some people would call it blackmail—the individual into silence. His offense? He had been criticizing this same federal agency for assigning Southern agents, rather than Northerners, to protect civil rights workers in the South.

An official explanation is, of course, due from Hoover. But no matter what the explanation, if the report is correct, his use of official records for the purpose revealed is indefensible and outrageous.

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Dear [redacted]

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Your letter was received on December 3rd and, with respect to your inquiries, information concerning the alleged communist affiliations of Martin Luther King, whether substantiated or not, cannot be released because of Department of Justice regulations regarding all matters of a confidential nature.

The only information I can furnish you regarding Mr. Howard D. Smoot is that he was employed by the FBI as a Special Agent from March 23, 1942, until June 15, 1951. His personal ventures as well as his opinions and comments since he left this Bureau are strictly his own, and it is not possible for me to comment on these in any way whatsoever.

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Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

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Dear Mr. Hoover;

Mr. Hoover, since you are the Director of the FBI I thought that you'd be the best source of imformation in my investigation. And my investigation is over Martin L. King, and in this investigation the word communist has come up. A Dan Smoot Report that I sent for gave some inference as to Mr. King's association with a number of commmunist party members or sympathizers. In this Report by Dan Smoot he gave enough conclusive imformation to make me believe that there is a dangerous number of communist party members in the civil rights movements. Of course I realize I might be asking too much for you to safely answer without getting involved with the side of security of which you must protect. I know that you must feel pretty strongly toward the communist threat in our comntryaccording to your testimony in January of 1964 when you said thatcommunist influence in the civil rights movement is "vitally important".

In this Dan Smoot Report vol. 10, no. 22, June 1, 1964 this statement was made by Mr. Smoot "Here are a few NAACP officials known to have communist-front records:" (and these names accordingly)."Roy Wilkins, Arthur B. Spingarn, Allan Knight Chalmers, Channing Tobias, A, Philip Randolph, Eric Johnston, Dr. Robert c. Weaver, Lewis S. Gannett, Norman Cousins, Dr. Ralph Bunche, Alfred Baker Lewis, Earl B. Dickerson, Lloyd K, Garrison,Morris L. Ernst, Thurgood Marshall", all of which has this for the footnote:Congressional Record, Feb.23,1956,pp.2796-2849 (daily) containing House Committee on Un-American Activities documents on NAACP officials.

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My high school history teacher has found it difficult to believe that those men are so conected as the report states. I believe you would probably be able to make a statement to verifyMr. Smoot's statement?

Now, back to Mr. King, I would like to know exactly how many of Kings supposed peaceful nonviolence movements turned to violence. And were they by design nonviolently violent?

Because of Dan Smoots ingagement with the FBI for so many years you must be familiar with him personally so would you say something about Mr. Smoots character in reference to his extreme patriotism.

I hope you were able to understand some of my'literary'? upheavals. And I'll be very grateful for your help, thank you!

Sincerely Yours,

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Ventura, Calif. 93003

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Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15219

October 26, 1970

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
United States Department of Justice
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C. 20535

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Dear Mr. Hoover:

Thank you for your letter dated September 15, 1970. However, it is very difficult, if not impossible for our conference to view your letter as a relevant or pertinent response to the letter we sent to the President with a carbon copy to your office.

Our letter made no mention of the FBI engaging in blackmail activities, nor was our letter concerned about the authorizer of the wire tap.

Again, we attempted to clearly indicate that our dismay was aimed at the slander attempt on the character and veracity of the late Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., using as a base for validifying their accusations and allegations certain information from the FBI. Your letter gives us absolutely no assurance relative to the above.

Further, we are gratified at your attempt to respond since we did not receive even that courtesy from the President. Please be assured that we still maintain a deep concern over this matter and we still desire that the record relative to the late Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., be clearified.

Yours very truly,

[redacted]

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TO : Mr. Bishop

DATE: November 17, 1970

FROM : G. E. Malmfeldt

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PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA

This is to recommend no acknowledgment to letter from captioned individuals received 11/13/70.

On September 9th the Bureau received a copy of a letter addressed to the President by [redacted] referring to a news account regarding Martin Luther King and complaining about "an absolute disregard for ethics" relating to the FBI's investigation of King. By letter to [redacted] dated 9/15/70 he was advised that the Bureau had not made information regarding King available to any unauthorized source at any time although, in keeping with our responsibilities, we had disseminated information concerning King on a high level within the Executive Branch of the Government. He was also assured that the FBI had not blackmailed King since the news article to which he referred gave this implication.

In current letter, [redacted] state they do not consider Director's previous reply as relevant or pertinent and seem to be asking for a denial from the Bureau of the information which has been printed concerning King's contemptuous personal life (from the tenor of their communication an affirmation would probably not be believed).

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Inasmuch as they have been already furnished the Bureau's position in this matter and the confidential nature of our files would preclude providing them any other information, it is felt no worthwhile purpose would be served by correspondence with them.

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1 - Mr. Sullivan
1 - Mr. Bishop - Enclosure
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Memorandum to Mr. Bishop
Re: [redacted]

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RECOMMENDATION:

That no acknowledgment be made to letter from captioned individuals received 11/13/70.

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November 9, 1970

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[redacted]
Nashville, Tennessee 37203

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Dear [redacted]

It was very kind of you to write as you did on November 2nd. I certainly appreciate your thoughtfulness in sending me a Prayer Book and am looking forward to receiving it.

Sincerely yours,

Helen W. Gandy
Secretary

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NOTE: Correspondent recently wrote to the Attorney General concerning the story that the Director allegedly lectured Dr. Martin Luther King about his morals. The letter was referred to the Bureau and answered over Miss Gandy's signature on 10/13/70. Bureau files reflect [redacted] The Prayer Book has not yet been received and a stop has been placed for it. Dr. per prior outgoing letter.

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Nashville, Tennessee 37203
(Mailing address only)

November 2, 1970

Ms. Helen W. Gandy
United States Dept. of Justice
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C. 20535

Dear Friend:

Let me thank you for your good letter of October 13 and the enclosures concerning the wire tap on Martin Luther King.

I am very happy to have this information, especially the article which appeared in "The Evening Star."

It was very good of you to take time to send me this information.

I am sending you a white "Prayer Book" which I hope you will like.

With all good wishes and prayers for you and yours, I am

Sincerely your servant,

[redacted]

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Date: November 2, 1970

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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL (Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, BOSTON (62-0)

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RUMFORD, MAINE

INQUIRY CONCERNING STATEMENT BY CONGRESSMAN WILLIAM D. HATHAWAY (D-MAINE) REFERRING TO FBI INVESTIGATION OF THE LATE DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

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RESEARCH(CRIME RECORDS)

Concerning the above-captioned matter, I telephonically contacted [redacted] today and advised him of the information as set forth in Paragraph 2 of reAirtel. b7(c)

[redacted] immediately said that he did not think the FBI would ever do this and, therefore, we agree with him - indicating that he thought HATHAWAY had used the good name of the FBI in a manner that would be beneficial to the Communists. I told [redacted] I could not comment on any activities of Congressman HATHAWAY or anything that he may have of may not have said or done and all I could say in answer to his communication was that the FBI had never informed Congressman HATHAWAY of the results of any investigation, b7(c)

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[redacted] was appreciative of the call concerning his communication.

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TO : Mr. Bishop

DATE: 10-29-70

FROM : M. A. Jones

SUBJECT: [redacted]
RUMFORD, MAINE
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CONGRESSMAN WILLIAM D. HATHAWAY (D-MAINE)
REFERRING TO FBI INVESTIGATION OF THE
LATE DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

The Boston Office advised by teletype that [redacted] had sent a letter to the FBI Resident Agency at Portland, Maine, enclosing a copy of a letter sent by Congressman Hathaway, on 1-23-70, to [redacted] Rumford, Maine, which stated, in part, the following concerning the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.:

"Rumors have been circulating that Dr. King was connected with the communist group several years prior to his untimely death; however, FBI officials advised me that investigation of these rumors failed to reveal any communist leanings on the part of Dr. King."

[redacted] letter expresses his high esteem for the Director and notes that he is certain the FBI never made any such statement to Hathaway whom he described as "a liar." His letter does demand an answer whether or not we did so advise Hathaway and, if the FBI did not, [redacted] expresses his intention to "press charges" against the Congressman.

Bufiles contain no information identifiable with [redacted] However, correspondent [redacted] has written the Director on three occasions in 1967 and 1968 requesting either statements or expressions of support from Mr. Hoover for various [redacted]-inspired anticommunist campaigns. The Director, of course, tactfully declined to do so in each instance.

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We have had very limited but cordial relations with Congressman Hathaway who was elected to Congress in November, 1964, and reelected to all subsequent sessions since. He has never met the Director, according to files, and is currently listed as a member of the Education and Labor, as well as Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committees. There is no indication

Enclosure
1 - Mr. Sullivan - Enclosure
1 - Mr. Bishop - Enclosure
1 - Mr. C. D. Brennan - Enclosure
1 - M. A. Jones - Enclosure

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M. A. Jones to Bishop Memo
RE: [redacted]

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whatever [redacted] that we have had any discussion with him concerning Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., or the results of any investigation of King.

SAC Handley, Boston, telephonically assured on 10-28-70, that he has never even met Congressman Hathaway, let alone discussed any investigation of King with him, and the Resident Agents at Bangor and Augusta, Maine, (both within the Congressional District represented by Hathaway) have also stated they never discussed the King investigation with Hathaway. While Boston indices have references to the Congressman, none are pertinent to this matter.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the attached airtel be sent SAC, Boston.

DO-6 OFFICE OF DIRECTOR
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

(October 22, 1970)

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MR. WALTERS
MR. SOYARS
MR. JONES
TELE. ROOM
MISS HOLMES
MRS. METCALF
MISS GANDY

I guess you know, The honored hypocrite--Martin Luther King. was leading the Black Revolution under the disguise of-"Peaceful Coexistence" Just move in and take over (D.C.) Then get elected to a political office (control)

I would like to give you this key I rec'd from the Indians.

I carry only my door key.

May it be a good Luck charm.

Sincerely.

[redacted]

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Director of F. B. I.
Dept. of Justice Bldg.,
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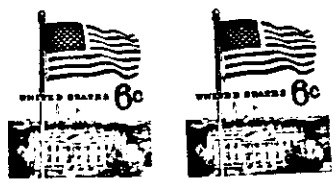
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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover.
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July 4th T.V. Editorial

For those who insist that Communism is not involved in the chaos presently upsetting our nation, we respectfully request they consider some of the Red Rules for Revolution. These are not new rules but a repeat of a document obtained by Allied Forces in Dusseldorf, Germany in 1919 in which the Communists outlined their plan for bringing about a revolution. Listen to these rules and ask yourself if anything sounds familiar?

1. Corrupt the young, get them interested in sex. Make them superficial; destroy their ruggedness.

2. Get control of all means of publicity, thereby getting people's minds off their government by focusing their attention on athletics, sexy books and plays and other trivialities.

3. Divide the people into hostile groups by constantly harping on controversial matters of no importance.

4. Destroy the people's faith in their natural leaders by holding them up to contempt and ridicule.

5. Always preach true democracy but seize power as fast and as ruthlessly as possible.

6. In the 50 year old copy of Red Rules for a Revolution: By encouraging government extravagance, destroy it's credit, produce fear of inflation with rising prices and general discontent.

7. Promote unnecessary strikes in vital industries, encourage civil disorders and foster a lenient and soft attitude on the part of government toward such disorders.

8. By specious argument, cause breakdown of moral virtues, honesty, sobriety, continence, faith in the pledged word.

and finally, cause the registration of firearms on some pretext, with a view of confiscating them and leaving the population helpless.

These are actual quoted statements of a Communist document concerning rules for bringing about a revolution, confiscated by Allied Forces way back in 1919.

Frightening isn't it?

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SOUTHWEST INDIAN FOUNDATION
GALLUP, NEW MEXICO 87301

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO : Mr. Bishop

DATE: 10/27/70

FROM : Mr. Jones

SUBJECT: [redacted] REQUEST FOR INFORMATION FROM BUREAU FILES

On October 26th, [redacted] Franklin, Louisiana, called the Bureau and spoke to SA [redacted] of the Crime Records Section.

[redacted] said he wanted to know whether or not Martin Luther King, Jr., was a member of the Communist Party. His reason for asking was that his child was being forced to study about King in school.

[redacted] was advised that our files were confidential and no information could be provided to him. He said that he intended to write the Director concerning this matter. Bureau files contain no references to [redacted]

RECOMMENDATION:

For information.

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1 - Mr. Sullivan
1 - Mr. Bishop
1 - M. A. Jones

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September 3, 1970

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President Richard M. Nixon
White House
Washington, D. C.

[redacted]

Dear Mr. President:

The members of the Baptist Minister's Conference in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, wish to express their grave concern relative to the recent slander attempt on the character and veracity of the late Dr. Martin Luther King. The article in Time Magizine and other newspapers raises a serious question about a flagrant misuse of power and an absolute disregard of ethics. As you probably know this slander attempt was connected with the Federal Bureau of Investigation's telephone tap of Dr. King. The purpose of the telephone tap was alleged to be related to an investigation to determine if Dr. King had Communist affiliations. Very little was said about the negative findings of the F.B.I. but much has been said about the other "things" the F.B.I. in general and Mr. J. Edgar Hoover in particular heard during Dr. King's lifetime. We have waited in vain for some word to set the record straight from the office of the Director. In the absence of such a word we have no recourse but to suspect that all of the above is being done by approval of the F.B.I. and perhaps the administration.

Mr. President, we are distressed that the Director of the F.B.I. seems to be a "privileged person" beyond the reach or control of any person or principle. However, we desire that both you and he know that our concern is serious and shall be combined with whatever action necessary to maintain the good name of our fallen brother who spoke bravely to our Nation and even brought her honor by receiving the Nobel Preace Prize.

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Yours very truly,

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[redacted]
Shorewood, Wisconsin 53211

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Dear [redacted]

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The letter from your wife and you to the President was referred to this Bureau and received on October 7th. I can readily understand the concern that prompted you to write and I would like to emphatically assure you that this Bureau has not made information regarding Martin Luther King available to any unauthorized source at any time. In keeping with our responsibilities, we have, however, disseminated information concerning King on a high level within the Executive Branch of the Government.

I would further like to assure you that the FBI does not engage in blackmail activities and there is not one shred of truth in the allegation that this Bureau blackmailed Martin Luther King.

I am enclosing a copy of a copyrighted article which appeared in "The Evening Star," Washington, D. C., on June 19, 1969, which you may not have had the opportunity to read. The information in this article is a matter of public record regarding the FBI's position in this matter.

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OCT 12 1970
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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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[redacted]
Shorewood, Wisconsin 53211
August 13, 1970

Mr. Sullivan
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OFFICE OF LEGAL COUNSEL

President Richard M. Nixon
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20006

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Mr. President:

My wife and I were greatly disturbed by the newspaper accounts and the article in TIME MAGAZINE concerning what appears to be the uncontrolled use of wiretapping to gather information about the personal lives of American citizens. The gathering and releasing to the public of information concerning the private life of Dr. Martin Luther King by one of the highest ranking members of the Executive Department is virtually impossible to understand and condone.

We are both white, past 40, and I am a veteran and a member of management in a Milwaukee manufacturing company; we could never be classed as "protesters," but when this type of Orwellian tactic is brought to light it is frightening, and one has to wonder what has happened to our freedom and right to individual privacy. This kind of action by our national leaders seems to give our young people considerable justification for their concern over the integrity of our government.

In the interests of internal peace and the restoration of faith in the integrity of our Federal Government, we sincerely hope that the wiretapping of Dr. King's personal telephone conversations is thoroughly and objectively investigated. The damage already done to his wife and children can never be excused, but steps should be taken to prevent similar incidents in the future.

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We love this country, but feel that changes in governmental procedures are becoming more and more disturbing.

Respectfully yours,

[redacted]

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October 13, 1970

[redacted]

Nashville, Tennessee 37203

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Dear [redacted]

Your letter to the Attorney General was referred to this Bureau and received by Mr. Hoover on October 8th. He asked that I assure you that the FBI does not engage in blackmail activities and there is not one shred of truth in the allegation that this Bureau blackmailed Martin Luther King.

With respect to your comments, he wanted me to enclose a copy of a copyrighted article which appeared in "The Evening Star," Washington, D. C., on June 19, 1969, which you may not have had the opportunity to read. The information in this article is a matter of public record regarding the FBI's position in this matter.

He also wished me to most emphatically assure you that this Bureau has not made information regarding Martin Luther King available to any unauthorized source at any time. In keeping with the FBI's responsibilities, information concerning King has been disseminated on a high level within the Executive Branch of the Government.

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Sincerely yours,

S/ Helen Gandy

Helen W. Gandy
Secretary

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NOTE: Correspondent is identifiable in Bufiles as [redacted]

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The Honorable John Mitchell
Attorney General
The United States
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Mitchell:

Please ask one of your assistants to answer this letter.

Soon there will be a book on the stands about Martin Luther King. This is a statement which was in TIME Magazine.

The story said that the information pertaining to the morals of Martin Luther King was secured from the FBI.

It seems the FBI bugged the Hotel and Motel rooms of Martin Luther King trying to prove that he was a communist and was against the Government of the United States.

I admit that the FBI has a right to do this. But what right has the Chief of the FBI to call in Dr. King and lecture him about his morals and threaten him that he would make his moral life known if he did not quit talking about the FBI.

Are we free? Can the FBI do this to any citizen?

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Is it legal for the FBI to make its findings about citizens known to would be authors?

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Strange to say I heard all this from a man who was close to the Johnson Administration and today is closer to the Nixon Administration. I never told it because why should I tell something derogatory to a man's character.

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Thank God Martin Luther King was not a communist, or that would have been told to all the United States and the world.

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If He did not leave a clean moral life, I leave him to the mercy of God and not to the preachments of the FBI.

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Clyde-Miss Gandy
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M. L. T.
SEP 23 1970
INTERNAL SECURITY
FED. BU. OF INV. Criminal Section

His body is dead and this book is to be published. I think the author has to write about Dr. King what he knows and not what he secured from the FBI.

God bless you. God love you.

Pray for

Your servant,

b7(c) [redacted]

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Hayward, California 94545

b7(c) August 13, 1970

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Dear Mr Attorney General-

You must expedite a thorough investigation of the J Edgar Hoover-Dr Martin Luther King hassle about wire taps-King was said to be free of subversion by Hoover, but Hoover brought in the "facts"? that he was sleeping with people other than Mrs King and lecturd him on morals. Is this Mr Hoover's job? Please answer.

So let Hoover explain to you, and you in turn explain to the nation if "catting around" discovered by tapeing & wire tapping is a legitimate goal as one of our Justice Dept's jobs. If it is, say so!

I don't know if King engaged in extra marital games, do you? William Randolph Hearst, former President Harding and people high in Washington D.C. in the past have been suspected of this, so why not wire tap these men and women? I'd like to get a personal answer to this letter.

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Hayward, California
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Dear Mr Attorney General -

You must expedite a thorough investigation of the J Edgar Hoover - Dr Martin Luther King hassle about wire tops. King has said to be free of subversion by Hoover, but Hoover brought in the "forte"? that he was sleeping with people other than Mrs King and lectured him on morals. Is this Mr Hoover's job? Then answer so let Hoover explain to you, and you in turn explain to the nation if "eating around" discovered by taping + wire topping is a legitimate goal as one of our Justice Dept's jobs. If it is, say so. I don't know if King engaged in extra marital games, do you? William Randolph Hearst, former President Harding and people high in Washington D. C. in the past have been suspected of this, so why not more stop these men and women? I'd like to get a personal answer to this letter.

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Atty General Mitchell
Justice Dept.
Washington D.C.

August 10,1970

John N. Mitchell
Justice Department
Washington,D. C.

Mr. Mitchell:

I am writing you in protest against the awful injustice that has been done to the American people, especially the white people, I refer to the news that has now come out about the sorry life that Martin Luther King lived, Of course we people that had sense enough to [illegible], but to stand in the house pulpit and [illegible] living in, or committing adultery, You know what has been lifted and that J.-Edgar Hoover now says that he was backed off of bothering the FBI because they investigated and found he was living a double life. with lots of extra Marital affairs. But wouldn't you think that was really something, to use this to keep him off the FBI's back but let the unsuspecting public go on in the dark, and let the ignorant continue to worship him as some kind of God and continue to harass the white people and stand in a pulpit and preach the Gospel of my Saviour who died for all men kind, to me nothing could be more low down, in despising such a person as he really was and the things he stood there does he was like if I despised him then, I despise him more now. For no sorrier thing could have been done. Matters not if living or dead, I think that an apology should be made now to every american on the face of this earth, and all over the world, that the Justice Department would stoop to cover up and harbor such a man, with such knowledge of his life and keep it from the people he was doing such great harm to. For as did to the people he has done great harm that may never be eradicated,

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Seattle,Ga.

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NOTICE

PLEASE
DO NOT REMOVE THIS SLIP FROM THE ATTACHED CORRESPONDENCE SINCE IT IS A PERMANENT PART OF THE RECORD.

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September 30, 1970

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Honorable Charles H. Percy
United States Senate
Washington, D. C. 20510

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My dear Senator:

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Your communication to the Department of Justice concerning [redacted] Chicago, Illinois, has been referred to this Bureau and was received on September 29th.

In order to enable your constituent to get his facts straight and not rely upon irresponsible news media, you may wish to tell him that the wiretap on Martin Luther King was ordered personally by former Attorney General Robert Kennedy.

Enclosed is a copy of a copyrighted article which appeared in "The Evening Star," Washington, D. C., on June 19, 1969, which you may want to furnish Mr. Mauro. The information in this article is a matter of public record regarding the FBI's position in this matter.

In accordance with your request, the enclosure you furnished is herewith returned.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

MAILED 24
SEP 30 1970
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NOTE: We have enjoyed friendly relations in the past with Senator Percy (R-Illinois). Bufiles contain no record of [redacted]

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United States Senate

September 8, 1970

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Respectfully referred to: SEP 14

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Because of the desire of this office to be responsive to all inquiries and communications, your consideration of the attached is requested. Your findings and views, in duplicate form, along with return of the enclosure, will be appreciated by

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v Charles H. Percy

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Told him wiretap on King was ordered personally by Jas. A. G. Pol. Kennedy & Dr. Jr. correspondent about Legal matters

August 16, 1970

Dear Mr. Percy,

You're probably aware of an alledged wire tap put on the late Dr. M. L. King, Jr. The wire tap was to have been placed by J.E. Hoover according to time magazine.

Now if this insidious wire tap was placed, then Mr. Hoover should not be in his present position. Would you kindly let me know when or if you shall insist upon a Congressional investigation in this matter?

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August 11, 1970

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I write probably aware of an alleged wire tap put on the late Dr. M. L. King, Jr. The wire tap was to have been placed by J. E. Hoover according to Time magazine.

Now if this alleged wire tap was placed, then Mr. Hoover should not be in his friend position. Would you kindly let me know when or if you will write upon a comprehensive investigation in this matter?

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Dear Sir:

Notwithstanding the unwarranted personal attack on me in your letter of September 17th to the Attorney General which was referred to this Bureau and received on September 22nd, I can emphatically assure you the FBI has not made information regarding Martin Luther King available to any unauthorized source. In keeping with our responsibilities, we have, however, disseminated information concerning King on a high-level basis within the Executive Branch of the Government. Furthermore, this Bureau does not engage in blackmail activities and there is not one shred of truth in the allegation that Martin Luther King was blackmailed by the FBI.

Insofar as your comments regarding "the arrogant infiltration of the National Council of Churches by Hoover's men for the ostensible purpose of checking Communist thought in the clergy" are concerned, I can only presume you are referring to recent press articles quoting a leader of a religious organization that the FBI planted "agents" in his church. For your information, these claims are completely unfounded and erroneous and this Bureau has never issued an apology to anyone with respect to this as none is due.

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Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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NOTE: Bufiles disclose no prior correspondence to [redacted] however, by letter 5/8/62 to the Attorney General he made uncomplimentary remarks about the Bureau regarding a steel dispute and by letter to the Director 1/4/63 he alleged Bureau Agents had contacted the University of Wyoming in connection with a communist speaker who was to appear on that campus. In his letter of 1/4/63 he claimed the source of his information regarding such a contact was a statement supposedly made by Justice Douglas of the Supreme Court. [redacted] 1/4/63 letter was not acknowledged and inquiry did not disclose Justice Douglas had made such a statement or that University of Wyoming officials were contacted as alleged by [redacted]

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September 17, 1970

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Mr. John Mitchell
Attorney General of the United States
Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Mr. Mitchell:

This letter is written in complaint with the way things are going on in your Department.

One thing I specifically object to is the belated revelation of intercepted telephone conversations allegedly made by the late Martin Luther King, Jr. If these revelations of his activities with another woman are true, they should have been revealed at the time. Over and above that, it is none of your business to be spying on other people's activities, be they proper or improper. For this self-acclaimed hero named J. Edgar Hoover to reveal these things about a man after he is dead and buried, is the mark of a dog in the manger rather than a dedicated public servant. The Lord advised us that the one without sin should cast the first stone. Let these operators in your Department, who feel they are so pure as to reveal things like this, examine their own consciences before they start to attack a man who did more in his lifetime than any of them ever will, and is now passed away.

I am also annoyed at the arrogant infiltration of the National Council of Churches by Hoover's men for the ostensible purpose of checking Communist thought in the clergy. It is none of your business to check up on the thought of anybody. I read that there had been an apology on the part of the FBI because of these actions. I would be happier if those responsible would be revealed and their punishments publicized. I have an uneasy feeling that what has happened is a reminder to these bureaucrats who do things like this to be careful in the future not to get caught.

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That's about all I can say for now. I would like to suggest some way of keeping Agnew quiet, but that is not your department. His outrageous and ill-mannered comments are really not subject for Government inquiry. The people in their good sense (the silent majority that Mr. Nixon talks so much about) have the best means of taking care of a small caliber annoyance like this. That means is the election which this fall will provide people with the opportunity to pass judgement on people like Agnew. And, of course, in 1972 he can be disposed of politically. It is probably better to live with him and his arrogance rather than take any Governmental action.

Very truly yours,

[redacted]

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[redacted]

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : MR. C. D. BRENNAN

FROM : MR. G. C. MOORE

SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

1 - Mr. W. . Sullivan
1 - Mr. C. D. Brennan
1 - Mr. Bishop

DATE: August 18, 1970

1 - Mr. G. C. Moore
1 - Mr. C. E. Enright
1 - Mr. Glass

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To advise you of further attacks on the Director as a result of an erroneous Time magazine article regarding the Director and King.

Time in its 8/17/70 issue, contained an article falsely reporting that when King met with the Director on 12/1/64 the Director used wiretap information on King's immoral conduct to pressure King into toning down his criticism of the FBI. To protect King's image, three of King's associates who accompanied him on 12/1/64 have publicly denied that the Director did what Time accused him of, but they and their associates have continued to use the information to attack the Director. Jesse Jackson of Chicago, a national official of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, King's organization, has been particularly vituperative in his attacks on Mr. Hoover and has called for the President to fire the Director.

Attached is a newspaper article from the Chicago Daily News 8/13/70 indicating that a teacher in the Chicago schools has obtained signatures of over 100 prominent Chicago people on a petition demanding that President Nixon fire the Director and that the Director publicly apologize for disclosures he reportedly used to pressure King.

Bureau files and Chicago files contain no references to the teacher, Mrs. Roscoe Beach. [redacted] b7 b7

Chicago has no additional information about the petition but is conducting a discreet investigation to ascertain who is behind the petition, including the possibility it is Jackson. It appears doubtful that Mrs. Beach did this on her own.

OBSERVATIONS:

By a separate memorandum, a mass media item has been prepared, pointing up the unfairness and deceit of these continuing attacks in the face of public denials by all of King's associates who accompanied him on 12/1/64 that the Director applied such pressure on King.

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Memorandum G. C. Moore to C. D. Brennan
RE: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
100-106670

ACTION:

You will be furnished any pertinent information developed by the Chicago Office regarding who was behind this petition.

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'Dastardly' attack on King

100 prominent Chicagoans ask Nixon to fire Hoover

By Arthur Gorlick

A petition signed by more than 100 prominent Chicagoans — including Mrs. Gale Sayers and top jazz musician Ramsey Lewis — has been sent to President Nixon demanding he fire FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover.

The petition also calls on Hoover to make an immediate public apology for disclosures that he reportedly used information obtained by wiretapping on the telephone of the late Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. to pressure the civil rights leader into toning down his criticism of the FBI.

The wiretapping allegedly uncovered information about Dr. King's extramartital activities.

HOOVER reportedly confronted Dr. King with the wiretap transcripts during their heavily publicized 1964 meeting and threatened to use them against him if he didn't ease up his attacks on the FBI.



Mrs. Sayers



Lewis

Hoover's "recent character assassination" of Dr. King, the petition says, "was a dastardly, devastating act done with the releasing of supposedly confidential information."

"Dr. King's private life had nothing to do with the tremendous impact he has had on all of our lives," the petition continues.

"Mr. Hoover's act can cause an even more serious polarization of our county. If he is allowed to remain in his present post, the last bastion of law that we trust is now in jeopardy."

THE PETITION was circulated through the South Side's moderately well-to-do Jackson Park Highlands community by Mrs. Roscoe Beach, a master teacher in the Chicago schools, and includes the names of numerous prominent black and white physicians, clergymen and lawyers, and at least one high school principal.

Mrs. Beach said she obtained the names on the petition during four hours of knocking on doors of her neighbors.

"I had to do it," she said. "Nobody speaks for us. We don't belong to organizations with leaders who can make statements that get public attention. But we had to let people know how terrible we feel about this.

"If he (Hoover) doesn't have any respect for the millions of people like us who revere the unfulfilled dreams of Martin Luther King, he should at least consider his widow and his children and his father."

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CHICAGO DAILY NEWS

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

Date: 8-13-70
Edition: BLUE STREAK
Author: ARTHUR GORLICK
Editor: ROY M. FISHER
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Springfield, Illinois 62704

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Dear Mr. Grummon:

In reply to your letter of September 21st, I would like to emphatically assure you that this Bureau has not made information regarding Martin Luther King available to any unauthorized source at any time. In keeping with our responsibilities, we have, however, disseminated information concerning King on a high level within the Executive Branch of the Government.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: Bufiles disclose prior limited correspondence with [redacted] last outgoing 9/16/70 in response to his letter regarding alleged blackmailing of Martin Luther King by the Bureau.

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Dear Mr. Hoover:-

Thank you very much for your letter and insert concerning Martin Luther King. This clears up your authority for wiretapping.

But my main question is still unanswered: Why did the FBI reveal the fact (if it is a fact) of Dr. King's illicit sex life ?

Of course there are thousands of very prominent people in illicit sex (which is a disgrace to America) But it seems to me that the FBI has no right to reveal these episodes, even if in the course of other investigations these are accidently discovered, no right to reveal this sort of thing even to the office of the president. For if such juicy gossip once leaves your files, there is sure to be a leak.

Why did you reveal these alleged facts about Dr King?

Respectfully,

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ST-11T [redacted]
Chicago, Illinois 60620

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Dear [redacted]

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Your letter addressed to President Nixon, with enclosure, has been referred to the FBI and was received on September 18th.

I would like to emphatically assure you that this Bureau has not made information regarding Martin Luther King available to any unauthorized source at any time. In keeping with our responsibilities, we have, however, disseminated information concerning King on a high level within the Executive Branch of the Government. I would further like to assure you that the FBI does not engage in blackmail activities and there is not one shred of truth in the allegation that this Bureau blackmailed Martin Luther King.

I am enclosing a copy of a copyrighted article which appeared in "The Evening Star," Washington, D. C., on June 19, 1969, which you may not have had an opportunity to read. The information in this article is a matter of public record regarding the FBI's position in this matter.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Enclosure

NOTE: On basis of available information, correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles. Enclosure to her letter is a copy of a Carl T. Rowan column concerning the King controversy.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

August 16, 1970

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President Nixon
White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear President Nixon: 6076

The enclosed article by Carl T. Rowan appears nauseating to me.

I feel J. Edgar Hoover is above black mailing any body.

I would like J. Edgar to make a statement on this accusation, also just how such statements on Luther King were made? I have always felt the F. B. I. office could do no wrong; that they were highly respectable.

If J. Edgar were to leave the FBI, I surely hope & pray the reason is other than Rowan suggest.

Wishing you success in all your endeavors,

b7(c) [redacted]
Chicago, Ill. 60620

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President Nixon
White House
Washington, D.C.

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Chicago. Ill. 6062d

The nub of the King-Hoover dispute

By Carl T. Rowan

WASHINGTON — There is a sort of unwritten rule in this town that journalists don't write about the sexual peccadilloes of prominent public officials.



Rowan

In this town where not much hanky-panky goes undetected, that gentleman's (?) agreement has kept many a philanderer's political career from going up in the smoke of his wife's divorce court anger.

For this unwritten rule permits the really top political figures to shack up and ship out without their constituency ever getting a whiff of scandal—unless the poor kluck is dumb enough to smoke in bed and set the motel afire.

But that gentleman's agreement apparently does not apply, even posthumously, to a man like Dr. Martin Luther King. So certain characters keep oozing into public print the kind of salacious gossip about King that they only whisper about carousing White House occupants and aspirants.

TIME MAGAZINE has now put into print some six-year-old gossip about what allegedly occurred when King had his celebrated confrontation with FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover in 1964.

Time says: "Hoover. . .explained to King just what damaging private detail he had on the tapes and lectured him that his morals should be those befitting a Nobel Prize winner. He also suggested that King should tone down his criticism of the FBI. King took the advice. His decline in black esteem followed. . . ."

This will surely please those who hated King and everything he espoused and who waged an incessant campaign of character assassination even while he was alive.

It will also anger many blacks who know that King was a puritan compared with some Washington characters who enjoy the protection of the press' gentleman's agreement.

SOME OF KING'S aides deny Time's version of the Hoover-King confrontation. They say there was no mention of King's personal life.

Perhaps not. But I know for a fact that what Time printed was fed, by the FBI, to dozens of congressmen, especially those who detested King's fight against racism and segregation. I know absolutely that FBI agents went to many newspaper editors to whisper the same dirt.

Some of my colleagues who know of the campaign to destroy King's reputation have expressed amazement that more of this kind of dirty business has not taken place.

BUT THE ISSUE of overriding national importance is not whether King engaged in extramarital sexual activities. That is a personal matter which in no way affects the national welfare. Nor is there any point in arguing about whether Time should have printed this old gossip.

The critical question is whether this society is going to permit public officials who tap telephones and bug hotel rooms to blackmail the victims of their spying.

And let it be clear that Time has accused Hoover of blackmailing King.

If Hoover can do this out of personal pique, why cannot some other official use wiretap and bugging data for political blackmail? Or to extort money? What is to stop officials from spreading dirt out of pure malice?

AND THAT IS why no free society ought to blindly approve new authoritys for spying on the private lives of its citizens. Or let the Army and other bureaucracies start computerizing their stockpiles of dirt and gossip.

And that is also why naming a new FBI director will be one of the most important presidential appointments of this generation — assuming someone comes along in this generation with the courage to let J. Edgar Hoover retire.

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Bellevue, Washington 98005

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Dear [redacted]

Your letter to the Attorney General has been referred to this Bureau and was received on September 17th.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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August 16, 1970

Attorney General John Mitchell
U.S. Department of Justice
Washington, D.C.

Dear Attorney General Mitchell-

The story which has recently appeared in the news regarding the invasion of Dr. Martin Luther King's privacy by the F.B.I. in the form of wiretaps and listening devices and the subsequent blackmail of Dr. King by J. Edgar Hoover is a shocking one.

This incident should be immediately investigated by an independent committee and, if there is truth in the story, J. Edgar Hoover should be immediately removed from his post. What more dangerous and un-American act could there be than the use of secret police tactics to stifle the activities and freedom of a great American leader.

Sincerely yours,

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Bellevue, Wash. 98005

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Sincerely yours,

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ST-109

Honorable Peter H. Dominick
United States Senate
Washington, D. C. 20510

My dear Senator:

Your letter of August 27th and the enclosed copy of a letter from your constituent in Boulder, Colorado, have been received.

In response to your inquiry, I can assure you that the FBI does not engage in blackmail activities. Also, there is not one shred of truth in the allegation that this Bureau blackmailed Martin Luther King.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: Senator Dominick (R-Colorado) is on the mailing list to receive the Uniform Crime Reports bulletin. He enclosed a copy of a letter from an unidentified constituent which contains unfounded allegations against the FBI based on recent false information appearing in Time Magazine article.

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United States Senate

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LABOR AND PUBLIC WELFARE
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

August 27, 1970

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Congressional Liaison
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed is a copy of a letter from a constituent. I am concerned over the report of alleged coercion of Mr. King by the FBI and I would appreciate any information you could give me regarding this.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Peter H. Dominick
United States Senator
(R-Colorado)

PHD:eo
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SENATOR
PETER H. DOMINICK
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Boulder Colorado
23 August 1970

Dear Senator Dominick:

The RIGHT of the people to be secure in person.....SHALL NOT be violated.....4th Amendment to the Constitution

Time magazine..."J. Edgar Hoover explained to Martin L. King just what Private detail he had on tapes suggested that King should tone down his criticsm of FBI.."

Denver Post..."I know absolutely that FBI agents went to many newspaper editors to whisper the same dirt that Time published"

The RIGHT of the people to be secure in person.....SHALL NOT be violated.....4th Amendment to the Constitution

Spokesman for the FBI, " No Comment"

Sorry Mr Senator, No Comment is just not good enough for We, the People in this instance we have had some serious discussions about the seemingly constant erosion of the rights of the individual....This is an overt violation and seemingly no one is speaking out or doaing one damn thing about it.

Where do the people go to get the warning whistle blown on the forcible suppression of opposition.....We need it blown loud and clearly.....

Many of us really believe our form of government is the best... This incident makes us Vomit.....

Try to explain democracy to our children in terms withthis item....
Try to defend democracy against other forms with this item...
Try to have faith , pay taxes, support government, support J. Edgar with this item.....

The right of the people to be secure in PERSON,.....SHALL NOT BE VIOLATED....

Many of us would like tohear from you on this item...

Yours truly,

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September 17, 1970

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[redacted]
Big Spring, Texas 79720

Dear [redacted]

I received your letter on September 15th. With respect to your comments, I can assure you the information to which you referred was not released by this Bureau. Information concerning the alleged communist affiliations of Martin Luther King, whether substantiated or not, cannot be released because of Department of Justice regulations regarding all matters of a confidential nature.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

MAILED 8
SEP 29 1970
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NOTE: On basis of available information correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles.

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b7(c) [redacted]
Big Spring, Texas 79720
Sept. 9, 1970

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Ninth Street & Pennsylvania Ave. NW
Washington, D.C. 20535

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Soon after the death of Martin Luther King there was an article in the Lubbock Avalanche Journal implying that Mr. Martin Luther King was a communist and that many of his speeches had been written by known communist. The article indicated that the news release came from your office. Do you have any information you would share with me confirming this?

Sincerely yours,

b7(c) [redacted]

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CORRESPONDENCE

September 18, 1970

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[redacted]

South Bristol, Maine 04568

b7(c)

Dear [redacted]

I have received your letter of September 14th. I would like to assure you that the FBI does not engage in blackmail activities and there is not one shred of truth in the allegation that this Bureau blackmailed Martin Luther King.

Enclosed is a copy of a copyrighted article which appeared in "The Evening Star," Washington, D. C., on June 19, 1969, which you may not have had an opportunity to read. The information in this article is a matter of public record regarding the FBI's position in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Enclosure

NOTE: Bufiles show nothing pertinent regarding correspondent.

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SOUTH BRISTOL, MAINE
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September 14 1970

Mr. Tolson
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Mr. [illegible]
Mr. [illegible]
Mr. Brennan CD
Mr. Callahan
Mr. Casper
Mr. Conrad
Mr. Felt
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Mr. [illegible]
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J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover;

Asking, please, for my own information, and because something of the reputation of my late friend Martin Luther King Jr., and a great deal of your own reputation seems to be at stake --

How much truth is there in the report which I read in the weekly church bulletin of the Berkeley First Baptist Church, as follows:

"The Time magazine revelation that the F.B.I. uncovered through wire taps, instances of marital infidelity on the part of Martin Luther King Jr. several years ago and that J. Edgar Hoover faced King with this fact and asked him to back down in his criticism of the F.B.I."

The note concludes with the suggestion:

"It would be reassuring, wouldn't it, if Hoover would firmly deny the whole thing."

I, for one, would greatly appreciate your statement about the truth or falsity of this matter.

Sincerely yours,

[redacted]

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September 17, 1970

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[redacted]
Provo, Utah 84601

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Dear [redacted]

In reply to your letter of September 11th, this Bureau does not have any material for distribution regarding Martin Luther King which would be pertinent to your studies and it would not be proper for me to suggest an approach as to your study of him.

With respect to your comments, information concerning the alleged communist affiliations of Martin Luther King, whether substantiated or not, cannot be released because of Department of Justice regulations regarding all matters of a confidential nature. However, I can tell you that at a press conference on November 18, 1964, I stated that he was the most notorious liar in the country. I did so because he had grossly distorted the facts concerning our Special Agents handling civil rights investigations in the South.

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COMM-FBI

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

1 - Salt Lake City - Enclosure

NOTE: Our files contain no record of correspondent.

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September 11, 1970

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Ninth at Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Last semester in my [redacted] class at [redacted] b7(c)
[redacted] the students engaged in discussion groups concerning the rhetoric of black spokesmen. We studied, among several others, W. E. B. Dubois, Booker T. Washington, Ralph Bunche, Adam Clayton Powell, Martin Luther King, Eldredge Cleaver, Malcomb X, Mayor Gordon Hatcher and Dr. Leon Sullivan. We were particularly interested in following the changes from the mild rhetoric of Washington to the present black rhetoric in which certain characteristics are identifiable with all revolutionary rhetoric.

Martin Luther King figures as a trend influence in the shaping of ideas among both blacks and whites. His speeches seem noteworthy; indeed as I study them I can find nothing objectionable. They are a source of inspiration for cooperative efforts between peoples. However, my colleagues and I are disturbed because we keep running into hearsay and some material from students indicating that King was a Communist, a lier, and a repeatedly unfaithful husband. Consequently, we seek your help in giving us whatever material you can concerning this man. I have heard that Hoover, himself, called King a lier, yet I have no proof.

What is the best approach to a study of this man, and his speeches, who has become a hero to both black and white. Are we to discredit him totally or are we to take his speeches at face value.

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Please send me publications, bibliographies and suggestions concerning this dilemma.

10 SEP 18 1970

Sincerely yours,

[redacted]

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[redacted]
Provo, Utah 84601

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(HOOVER-KING)

WASHINGTON--TWO NEGRO CIVIL RIGHTS LEADERS HAVE FIRED BACK AT EDGAR HOOVER FOR HIS CRITICISM OF THE LATE DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, ACCUSING THE FBI DIRECTOR OF BEING SENILE.

THE REV. WALTER FAUNTROY, AIDE TO KING IN THE SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE, AND THE REV. DOUGLAS MOORE BOTH TOOK ISSUE WITH HOOVER'S ASSERTION IN A TIME MAGAZINE INTERVIEW THAT KING WAS UNDESERVING OF THE NOBEL PRIZE.

FAUNTROY SAID: "I AM NOT IN THE HABIT OF COMMENTING ON THE RAMBLINGS OF SENILE PUBLIC OFFICIALS" BUT ADDED THAT THE COMMENTS OF THE 75-YEAR-OLD HOOVER CONCERNING A PERSONAL FRIEND OF KING WERE "CATEGORICALLY UNTRUE."

MOORE, CHAIRMAN OF THE WASHINGTON BLACK UNITED FRONT, CALLED HOOVER A "SENILE SADIST" WHO HAS "NO SENSE OF HONOR OR HISTORY."

IN ANOTHER DEVELOPMENT, THE HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE MADE PUBLIC CLOSED-SESSION TESTIMONY BY HOOVER [illegible] NOV. 19 IN WHICH HE SAID THERE WERE EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCES THAT COUNTED WHEN OHIO NATIONAL GUARDSMEN TO OPEN FIRE ON THE KENT STATE CAMPUS LAST SPRING, KILLING FOUR STUDENTS.

OF THE GUARDSMEN, HOOVER SAID: "PERHAPS THEY WERE NOT AS COMPLETELY TRAINED AS THEY SHOULD HAVE BEEN, BUT CERTAINLY THEY STATED THEY FEARED FOR THEIR LIVES AND THEN FIRED. SOME OF THE STUDENTS WERE THROWING BRICKS AND ROCKS AND RAN [illegible] NATIONAL GUARDSMEN."

[illegible]--FBI633A

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2 XEROX
DEC 17 1970
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FOR MR. TOLSON

WASHINGTON CAPITAL NEWS SERVICE

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RE: BERNARD S. LEE V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL.
(U.S.D.C., D.C.) CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1185

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)
V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL (U.S.D.C., D.C.)
CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1186

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September 15, 1970

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[redacted]

b7(C) Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15219

Dear [redacted]

On September 9th I received the copy of the letter addressed to the President by [redacted] and you. I would like to emphatically assure you that this Bureau has not made information regarding Martin Luther King available to any unauthorized source at any time. In keeping with our responsibilities, we have, however, disseminated information concerning King on a high level within the Executive Branch of the Government. b7(C)

I would further like to assure you that the FBI does not engage in blackmail activities. Also, there is not one shred of truth in the allegation that this Bureau blackmailed Martin Luther King.

I am enclosing a copy of a copyrighted article which appeared in "The Evening Star," Washington, D. C., on June 19, 1969, which you may not have had an opportunity to read. The information in this article is a matter of public record regarding the FBI's position in this matter.

MAILED 22
SEP 15 1970
COMM-FBI

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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1 - Pittsburgh (Enclosure)

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SEE NOTE PAGE TWO.

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NOTE: Bufiles disclose correspondent [redacted]

[redacted]

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15219 b7(C)

September 3, 1970

President Richard M. Nixon
White House
Washington, D. C.

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS [illegible] DATE 2-16-81 SP4J Bmlds 6076

Dear Mr. President: b7(C)

The members of the [redacted] Conference in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, wish to express their grave concern relative to the recent slander attempt on the character and veracity of the late Dr. Martin Luther King. The article in Time Magizine and other newspapers raises a serious question about a flagrant misuse of power and an absolute disregard of ethics. As you probably know this slander attempt was connected with the Federal Bureau of Investigation's telephone tap of Dr. King. The purpose of the telephone tap was alleged to be related to an investigation to determine if Dr. King had Communist affiliations. Very little was said about the negative findings of the F.B.I. but much has been said about the other "things" the F.B.I. in general and Mr. J. Edgar Hoover in particular heard during Dr. King's lifetime. We have waited in vain for some word to set the record straight from the office of the Director. In the absence of such a word we have no recourse but to suspect that all of the above is being done by approval of the F.B.I. and perhaps the administration.

Mr. President, we are distressed that the Director of the F.B.I. seems to be a "privileged person" beyond the reach or control of any person or principle. However, we desire that both you and he know that our concern is serious and shall be combined with whatever action necessary to maintain the good name of our fallen brother who spoke bravely to our Nation and even brought her honor by receiving the Nobel Preace Prize.

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Yours very truly,

[redacted]

[redacted]

CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. Nelson
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Mr. [illegible]
Mr. [illegible]
Mr. Brennan C.D.
Mr. Callahan
Mr. Casper
Mr. Conrad
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EXP

EX 110 62-113797-X1 September 16, 1970

X REC-85 ~~100-166670-3824~~

[redacted]
Springfield, Illinois 62704 b7C

Dear [redacted]

On September 14th I received your letter which was addressed to me at our Springfield Office.

With respect to your comments, I would like to emphatically assure you that this Bureau has not made information regarding Martin Luther King available to any unauthorized sources at any time. In keeping with our responsibilities, we have, however, disseminated information concerning King on a high level within the Executive Branch of the Government.

I would further like to assure you that the FBI does not engage in blackmail activities and there is not one shred of truth in the allegation that this Bureau blackmailed Martin Luther King.

I am enclosing a copy of a copyrighted article which appeared in "The Evening Star," Washington, D. C., on June 19, 1969, which you may not have had an opportunity to read. The information in this article is a matter of public record regarding the FBI's position in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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1 - Springfield - Enclosure
Reurlet 9/9/70. Copy of letter from correspondent enclosed in event you did not maintain copy for your files.

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SEE NOTE PAGE TWO.

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NOTE: Bufiles disclose prior limited cordial correspondence with [redacted] in the 1940's and 1950's [redacted]

OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10
MAY 1962 EDITION
GSA FPMR (41 CFR) 101-11.6

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 9/9/70

FROM : SAC, SPRINGFIELD (62-0)

SUBJECT: [redacted]
Springfield, Illinois 62704
INFORMATION CONCERNING

b7(C)

Enclosed herewith is the original of a letter received from [redacted] dated 9/4/70. He is identified in files of the Springfield Division as having previously corresponded with the Bureau.

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In view of questions posed by [redacted] it is believed that his correspondence should not be acknowledged and it is not being acknowledged by the Springfield Division.

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SEP 16 1970

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1 - Springfield (62-0)
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CRIME RESEARCH

Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

[redacted] b7(C)

Springfield, Illinois 62704 Sept 4, 1970

Memo -J. Edgar Hoover

Re- Martin Luther King, Jr.

Returning from Vacation, I have read about the FBI and Dr. King, in the TIME for August 17.

If the facts in this article are substantially true....

1- Why does the FBI bug a private citizen?

2- Why make public his sex life?

3- Would you have made public the sex life of a Senator or business man, especially if a Republican.

Respectfully, b7(C)

[redacted]

Copy to President Nixon

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J. Edgar Hoover
F.B.I
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ST-121

September 15, 1970

[redacted]
Birmingham, Alabama 35215

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Dear [redacted]

Your letter was received on September 10th and in reply to your inquiries, information concerning the alleged communist affiliations of Martin Luther King, whether substantiated or not, cannot be released because of Department of Justice regulations regarding all matters of a confidential nature. I have never publicly stated that he was a communist.

I very much appreciate your kind remarks concerning my direction of the FBI and it is my hope our future efforts will continue to merit your approval.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

MAILED 22
SEP 15 1970
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NOTE: Bufiles contain no record of correspondent.

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[redacted], Birmingham, Alabama 35215

September 4, 1970

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Immediately following the death of Martin Luther King, many people, including high government officials, proclaimed him to be a national hero and, in fact, made a martyr of him. It seems that a concerted effort is being made toward having him remembered as a great national hero and leader for the betterment of mankind.

Articles have appeared in the press quoting you as stating that King was associated, or affiliated, with Communist-backed organizations or activities.

Could you please furnish me with information bearing out the fact that King was associated with these organizations or activities. Also, if possible, I would appreciate your furnishing me with photostatic copies of press articles relating to King's activities in this regard.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your efforts in fighting against the threat to our internal security. The people of the United States are greatly appreciative.

Thank you in advance for any information you can furnish me.

Sincerely,

[redacted]

b7(c)

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EX-101

SEP 10 1970

GSA GEN REG NO 27

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : MR. C. D. BRENNAN

FROM : MR. G. C. MOORE

SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

1 - Mr. W. C. Sullivan
1 - Mr. C. D. Brennan
1 - Mr. Bishop
DATE: August 26, 1970
1 - Mr. G. C. Moore
1 - Mr. Enright
1 - Mr. Glass

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To advise you of additional information regarding the attacks on the Director following the false report in Time magazine that the Director pressured King into toning down his criticisms of the FBI by using wire tap information on King's personal misconduct.

A previous memorandum contained information that Mrs. Roscoe Beach, a Chicago school teacher, obtained over 100 signatures on a petition calling for the firing of the Director and a public apology by the Director because of the Time information. Our discreet inquiries so far indicate that Mrs. Beach circulated the petition on her own. However, an interesting fact was developed. Mrs. Beach's back yard faces the back yard of Jesse Louis Jackson.

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Jackson is the opportunistic flamboyant publicity-oriented Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) official who heads Operation Breadbasket, the economic arm of the SCLC. Operation Breadbasket pressures businessmen into hiring blacks, stocking black-made products, and using black services such as trash collectors and group insurance. Jackson has been touted as possible successor to Ralph Abernathy as SCLC president. He reportedly sent a telegram to the extremist Black Panther Party (BPP) hailing the recent release of Huey Newton, co-founder of the BPP, from jail. This is not the first contact Jackson has had with the BPP. Further, he launched a vitriolic attack on the Director following the Time article, despite denials by Jackson's SCLC associates who accompanied King that the Director did what Time accused him of doing. REC 18 100-106670-3893 9 SEP 10 1970

As suspected originally, it appears that Mrs. Beach had at least the guidance of Jackson in her petition work. We are continuing to discreetly follow this matter and pertinent information developed will be furnished.

ACTION: None. For information.

59 SEP 21 1970

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REC 34 ~~100-106670-5824~~ September 10, 1970

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EX-117

[redacted]

Ridgeland, South Carolina 29936 b7(C)

Dear [redacted]

On September 8th I received your letter and appreciate your best wishes and the interest which prompted you to send me the newspaper clippings containing your views. With respect to your inquiry, I am unable to advise you as to where you may purchase the book.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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SEP 10 1970
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NOTE: Bufiles disclose in December, 1964, we acknowledged correspondent's letter expressing her appreciation for the work of the Bureau. Her clippings contain her views on a number of topics that are of current interest and she calls upon her readers to have pride and faith in this country.

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Ridgeland S.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover -

Greeting's from the low-country of South Carolina. Mr. Hoover, I am writing to ask where I can purchase the book, "The King God Couldn't Save", by John Williams, Martin Luther King got his communists training at Penn School at Frogmore S.C. this is across the river from Beaufort S.C. I saw King on TV when he accepted The Nobel peace prize. He said and I quote - 'I accept this gift to help the cause of my depressed people" - what a big lie. I have a nephew with the export-import bank in Switzerland--need I say more Mr. Hoover. I have no respect for the memory of this Black man who used his race as stepping stones to feather his own nest.

I am venturing to send you a few of my 'Reflective Thinkings".

With all good wishes I am

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EDITORIAL

blackmailer supreme

It has finally come to light.

J. Edgar Hoover, policeman supreme, is a common blackmailer, and probably has been for years. At least that is, in effect, what conservative Time magazine said last week.

The whole thing came out, according to Time, when a militant black, novelist John Williams (The King God Didn't Save), decided to gather information for a book centered around Nobel Peace Prize winner Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. From most reviews, Mr. Williams made some pretty strong statements, never mind what Time came along with after his effort was already in print.

Time says that what Mr. Williams did not know at the time of his book about the peace-preaching black leader was that after Rev. King became critical of J. Edgar's FBI, he was called into Mr. Hoover's Washington office in 1964 and compromised. This was done, according to Time, because J. Edgar was upset with the critical statements Mr. King had for him and his department after Mr. Hoover had publicly called the black leader a "liar." The blackmail scheme was possible, according to Time, because J. Edgar had tapes conserversations with King and others indicating an array of extramarital love affairs Mr. King was having.

According to Time, J. Edgar's plan worked and the later-to-be-assassinated non-violent Rev. King fell before the hand of the blackmailer.

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"The Dallas Post"
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today, re[illegible]tedly got part of his thrust for pow[illegible] with the [illegible]ss-fire plan to murder terrorist Joh[illegible] Dillinger back in 1934. After that purported deed was done, Mr. Hoover was thrust forward in his organizing plan for what later became the FBI of today. But speculation has it now that even in this early big "bust" Mr. Hoover made a mistake, and the body buried for Dillinger was not really Mr. Dillinger at all, but an insignificant character resembling the badman. Mr. Dillinger reportedly died anonymously only a few years ago, after living out his life in the role of another man.

Meanwhile, lots of water has run under the bridge for J. Edgar. The FBI has grown and prospered, now in its majesty to occupy its own new building in Washington, D.C., which the Government Services Administration just decided could not have its own atomic reactor to generate electricity in case of a blackout, much against the wishes of Mr. Hoover.

How Mr. Hoover has been able to keep his hands clean through the years is anybody's guess, though it appears that regardless of his a-political position, he has remained in his high office through a host of administrations, with scarcely even a rumor going around that one president or another might let him out.

Anti-communist Mr. Hoover basked in glory during the Joe McCarthy days; part of the image he gained then remains with him today, at least among the more ultra-conservative factions. Books have been written about his under-handedness, and attorney generals have occasionally found him difficult to cope with. But not one has had the power or the muscle to let the cop supreme out, or even better, expose him for what batchelor J. Edgar really is.

In the current administration, the incident of J. Edgar's blackmail of a martyred Nobel Prize winner will go unnoticed, and undoubtedly Mr. Hoover will retain his power and glory. But with the story now out of how he works, he should become less effective at his old game, which he alledgedly has fought long and hard to stop others from playing.

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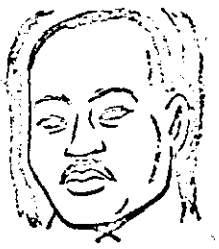
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Hoover and the Late Dr. King

DESPITE SEVERAL YEARS of book and news story criticism of J. Edgar Hoover, director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the material did not seem worthy of serious column interpretation.

Though the FBI agentry has occasionally been arbitrary and even arrogant in pursuit of its business, it has in general acknowledged the limitations put on the bureau by law. In this it has been several marks ahead of the run of local and state police authorities, and if this be true, Mr. Hoover deserves what credit accrues.



But now comes news antipathetic to Hoover which is in a new dimension. Because it is news it is not perforce factual; it remains an allegation, but Hoover's personal and ethical relation to it requires an answer from him.

It is based on a book written about the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and Time magazine's treatment of that book.

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THE STORY GOES that the FBI put wiretaps on Dr. King in the mid-Sixties. That the bureau does wiretapping in some investigations it considers vital, is common knowledge, but the practice is still in a twilight zone, and requires a court order if it is to be legal.

Wire tapping of King remains an allegation, though it is known Hoover considered him subversive, and publicly criticized his conduct in the racial controversy. Yet this is not the gravamen of the whole story now alleged by Time.

That is, that the supposed wiretaps in motel rooms revealed Dr. King engaged in extramarital activity. The news story says the surveillance "uncovered no subversion," though this was the only legitimate concern of Hoover and FBI agents.

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TIME SAYS THE BOOK about King has the "correct outline of the FBI tape story." But it does not contain, according to Time, matter involving a reported meeting between King and Hoover.

As quoted by Associated Press, "Hoover, Time learned, explained to King just what damaging private detail he had on the tapes, and lectured him that his morals should be those befitting a Nobel Prize winner. He also suggested that King should tone down his criticism of the FBI. King took the advice," resulting in a "decline of black esteem" (for King).

If this meeting occurred, and if it followed the course indicated, then Mr. Hoover should fill us in. Neither he, nor any citizen, can define the "morals" of a Nobel Prize winner, which hardly fit into the FBI code of community behavior, nor justify pious exhortation in any circumstance.

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But still more must Mr. Hoover explain the charge that he used official information obtained in an FBI investigation to coerce Dr. King to moderate his criticism of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. No court in the land would permit use of such irrelevant evidence against anyone accused of a federal offense.

This is one of the most disturbing news stories of our time. Neither Mr. Hoover nor the people who employ him can afford to let it stand unresolved, as it now stands.

August 12, 1970

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Moorestown, New Jersey 08057

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Dear [redacted]

Your letter to President Nixon was referred to this Bureau and received on September 1st.

With respect to your inquiries, in my letter of August 20th I advised you of this Bureau's position with regard to the alleged blackmailing of Martin Luther King.

I can most emphatically assure you that this Bureau has not made information regarding Martin Luther King available to any unauthorized source at any time. In keeping with our responsibilities, we have, however, disseminated information concerning King on a high-level basis within the Executive Branch of the Government.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE: Bufiles disclose correspondent wrote directly to the Bureau asking essentially the same questions. By letter 8/20/70 the Director informed her that the Bureau does not engage in blackmail activities and there is no truth to the allegation that King was blackmailed. She was also furnished a copy of the 6/1969 article from "The Evening Star" relating to the wire tap controversy over King. She wrote a similar letter to Senator Harrison A. Williams which was referred to the Bureau. By letter 8/31/70 the Director informed the Senator of her earlier letter and advised him essentially of what she had been told.

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The President
White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear President Nixon,

Yesterday it was reported in the newspapers that the FBI had wire tap evidence that Martin Luther King, Jr had had "extensive and vigorous sexual activities."

1 - Will you please tell me exactly who authorized this information to be given out to any author or to the press.

Now, I want the specific name or names of the people in the FBI who gave out this information. Please do not tell me it "leaked" because the FBI is not a leaky outfit. If it is, then the director is no longer capable of handling the job, and this should be known and corrective measures should be taken.

Also, please do not send me an evasive answer. As President of the United States, you of all people, can and must find out this information leak and; I, as a citizen, must know. In fact, the whole nation must know.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely yours, b7(c)

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Honorable Phillip A. Hart
United States Senate
Washington, D. C. 20510

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My dear Senator:

I have received your letter of September 1st concerning inquiries you have received from your constituents.

To assist you in responding to your constituents I would like to assure you that the FBI does not engage in blackmail activities. Also, there is not one shred of truth in the allegation that this Bureau blackmailed Martin Luther King.

I am enclosing a copy of a copyrighted article which appeared in "The Evening Star" in Washington on June 19, 1969, which you may not have had the opportunity to read. The information in this article is a matter of public record regarding the FBI's position in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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United States Senate

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

September 1, 1970

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Two of my constituents have written me concerning the reports that material gathered by tapping telephones of the late Martin Luther King was used to influence his actions.

They condemned the report as "either irresponsible journalism of NKVD tactics," I would greatly appreciate your comments on the accuracy of the article.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Philip A. Hart

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Honorable Fred Schwengel
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

My dear Congressman:

Your letter was received on September 2nd and I would like to emphatically assure you that this Bureau has not made information regarding Martin Luther King available to any unauthorized source at any time. In keeping with our responsibilities, we have, however, disseminated information concerning King on a high-level within the Executive Branch of the Government.

With respect to your constituents' concern, I would further like to assure you that the FBI does not engage in blackmail activities. Also, there is not one shred of truth in the allegation that this Bureau blackmailed Martin Luther King.

I am enclosing a copy of a copyrighted article which appeared in "The Evening Star," Washington, D. C., on June 19, 1969, which may be helpful to your constituents. The information in this article is a matter of public record regarding the FBI's position in this matter.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: We have had friendly relations with Congressman Schwengel (R-Iowa) in the past.

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Congress of the United States
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August 28, 1970

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Director of the
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Several constituents have written to me inquiring about the release of the data obtained on the private life of Reverend Martin Luther King through the use of wire taps.

While indicating their concern about the wire taps, the constituents who have contacted me apparently are more concerned about the release of the data obtained through the wire taps. They have requested that I inquire as to how this information became public knowledge. Your help in answering the inquiries from my constituents would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you for your assistance.

With warmest regards,

Sincerely yours,

FRED SCHWENGEL
Member of Congress
(R-Iowa)

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-106670)

FROM: SAC, LOUISVILLE (100-4583)

SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
SM - C SECURITY MATTER - COMMUNIST

Enclosed for the Bureau is a copy of an editorial entitled "Vicious Post-Mortem Slander" which appeared on the editorial page of the August 20, 1970, issue of the Louisville Defender, a weekly Louisville, Ky., Negro oriented newspaper. It is noted the editorial concerns the recent article in Time magazine regarding novelist JOHN WILLIAMS' book, "The King God Didn't Save". Specifically the editorial concerns WILLIAMS' comments regarding the moral life of the late MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. As the Bureau will note, the editorial is erroneous in its strong implication that Director HOOVER of the FBI may have released information regarding this.

The Louisville Defender has been in existence for about 38 years. For the last 35 years it has been published by FRANK L. STANLEY, SR. The newspaper has won a number of awards in the newspaper field. For example, according to information contained in the newspaper, it won the National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA) Best Editorial award for years 1955, 1957, 1959, 1961, 1964, 1965, and 1967. In 1966 it was judged First in Public Service by the NNPA; in 1968 first in Newspaper Promotion as well as first in News Photos. In 1965 and 1966 it was awarded the Best All-Around Newspaper and the Best Use of Pictures by the Kentucky Press Association.

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A news article in the August 6, 1968, issue of the Louisville Defender, entitled "Family Controlled Newspaper Is Rich in Public Service", described FRANK L. STANLEY, SR., as a veteran journalist, who on 3 different occasions was commissioned by the U. S. Government to represent the U. S. in Europe and Africa. Further it was stated that in the arena of Civil Rights, STANLEY has served well commenting that in 1950 he wrote the Kentucky Senate Resolution which desegregated Kentucky institutions of higher learning. Also in 1960 he wrote the bills which created the Kentucky Commission on Civil Rights and desegregated Kentucky government jobs. Further on 5 different occasions he was elected President of the NNPA and was twice elected President of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.

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Louisville does not feel it would be beneficial to contact STANLEY regarding the enclosed editorial and UACB this will not be done.

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Vicious Post-Mortem Slander

Novelist John Williams has written a book, "The King God Didn't Save," which reveals the results of wire tapping of Dr. King's telephone and bugging of his hotel rooms by the FBI.

This scurrilous attack has been described as "posthumous pillory" by Time magazine and as "character assasination reaching into the grave" by United States Senator George McGovern (D-S. C.)

Rev. Jesse Jackson of "Breadbasket" fame and a long time associate of Dr. King in the civil rights struggle, feels that in maligning the character of the late Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. that our whole race has been vilified. Rev. Jackson called upon the President to suspend J. Edgar Hoover from his duties as director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation because "Mr. Hoover has stooped to the lowest rungs of viciousness and maliciousness and his underhand dissimenation of information regarding a deceased man.

Continuing, Rev. Jackson says that Mr. Hoover's dissemination constitutes misuse and malfeasance in discharging his responsibilities. . . . he has revelaed his complicity in a plot designed in essence to 'white mail' as formerly in "black mail" and to intimidate Dr. King."

Further Rev. Jackson stated "Mr. Hoover's belated dissemination of the information regarding a dead man who can no longer defend himself constitutes an incredible sordidness and unfairness with reference to Dr. King. It was designed to hurt and to humiliate the innocent survivors of the deceased, including the universally loved Mrs. Coretta Scott King and young children and the already heavily aggreived and noble parents Dr. and Mrs. Martin Luther King Sr."

In 1964 when J. Edgar Hoover met with the late Dr. Martin Luther King, it is alleged that he lectured him that his morals should be those befitting a Nobel Prize winner. He also suggested that King tone down his criticism of the FBI. Most newspapers ignored these rumors if for no other reason than journalistic ethics.

It seems even more reprehensible now that these rumors are reviewed. Such constitutes an ignoble violation of the sanctity of death. Moreover what purpose is to be served? And finally how can a dead man defend himself on this the most atrocious of all charges.

But as the Rev. Jackson has stated; "Let no man think that the alleged key hole revelation will ever alter our affirmed reverence for Dr. King. . . .Our faith in Dr. King and our commitment to cherishing the legacy of love, leadership, family responsibility, and devotion that he left us, remains uncompromised."

Nothing that J. Edgar Hoover or author Williams can or will say about the great late Dr. M. L. King Jr. will ever tarnish his image in the hearts and minds of black people particularly those who were disciples in his crusade for human dignity for all mankind. Neither will these revelations at this very, very late hour destroy in any way Dr. King's great deeds in behalf of humanity.

It is not necessary to remind of the immoral records of certain great white American leaders and office holders such as the late President Warren Harding, former United States Supreme Court Justice Robert Jackson, and numerous others in an effort to justify Dr. King's alleged extra-marital sexual activities. Such has never been proven even though now reported by the FBI.

History is an upward and onward cycle of the deeds of men and nations and is incapable of reversing itself by moving backwards. Thus it will not alter it's record of the achievements of Dr. King.

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

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Honorable Harrison A. Williams
United States Senate
Washington, D. C. 20510

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My dear Senator:

I have received your communication of August 26th enclosing the letter addressed to you by [redacted] of Moorestown, New Jersey.

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I received a similar letter from [redacted] to which I replied on August 20th advising her that the FBI does not engage in blackmail activities and that there is not one shred of truth in the allegation that this Bureau blackmailed Martin Luther King. I also furnished her a copy of a copyrighted article from "The Evening Star," Washington, D. C., on June 19, 1969, which is a matter of public record concerning the FBI's position in this matter.

Pursuant to your request, your constituent's letter is returned herewith.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Enclosure

1 - Newark - Enclosures (2)

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NOTE: Bufiles disclose prior cordial contacts with Senator Williams (D-New Jersey). In addition to letter to [redacted] mentioned above, only other information in Bufiles is one prior outgoing dated 8/31/60.

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United States Senate

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Because of the desire of this office to be responsive to all inquiries and communications, your consideration of the attached is requested. Your findings and views, in duplicate form, along with return of the enclosure, will be appreciated by

Harrison A. Williams

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Washington, D.C.

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Sincerely yours,

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September 3, 1970

[redacted]
Midwest City, Oklahoma 73130

b7(c)

Dear [redacted]

With respect to the inquiry in your letter of August 28th, at a press conference on November 18, 1964, I stated that Martin Luther King was the most notorious liar in the country. I did so because he had grossly distorted the facts concerning our Special Agents handling civil rights investigations in the South.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: Bufiles indicate that we previously wrote to [redacted] in October, 1968, at which time he was given a files confidential response with regard to his inquiry concerning the Civil Liberties Union. He requested a subversive organizations list earlier in that same month and was given an appropriate reply.

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b7(c) [redacted]
Midwest City, Okla. 73130
28 August, 1970

Director, F.B.I.
Washington, D. C.

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Yours truly,

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September 1, 1970

[redacted]
New York, New York 10027

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Dear [redacted]

Your letter of August 25th has been received and I would like to assure you that the FBI does not engage in blackmail activities. Also, there is not one shred of truth in the allegation that this Bureau blackmailed Martin Luther King.

With respect to your comments, I am enclosing a copy of a copyrighted article which appeared in "The Evening Star," Washington, D. C., on June 19, 1969, which you may not have had the opportunity to read. The information in this article is a matter of public record regarding the FBI's position in this matter.

I can most emphatically assure you that this Bureau has not made information regarding Martin Luther King available to any unauthorized source at any time. In keeping with our responsibilities, we have, however, disseminated information concerning King on a high-level basis within the Executive Branch of the Government.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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August 25, 1970

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

This letter is written as the result of a meeting of some people in Westchester who expressed their amazement and their indignation over the release by your office of some information touching on Dr. Martin Luther King's moral turpitude.

The article appearing in Time Magazine indicated that Dr. King's telephone had been tapped because of a suspicion of disloyal activity on his part. There was not the slightest evidence justifying such a charge. But some conversations were overheard which touched adversely upon Dr. King's personal behavior.

We cannot understand why this was revealed - what right the department had to disclose this to a reporter, a writer, or indeed to anyone outside your organization.

We regard the FBI as a vital, valuable institution. The writer has had many occasions to co-operate with individual investigators - mostly from the Fugitive Detection Service. He has considered it a duty and a privilege to extend this co-operation. We are all conscious of the invaluable service rendered to our Country by the Federal Bureau of Investigation but we cannot understand the disclosure mentioned above.

I know that your department receives thousands of letters daily. I hope that there will be a response to this one.

Respectfully yours,

b7(C) [redacted]

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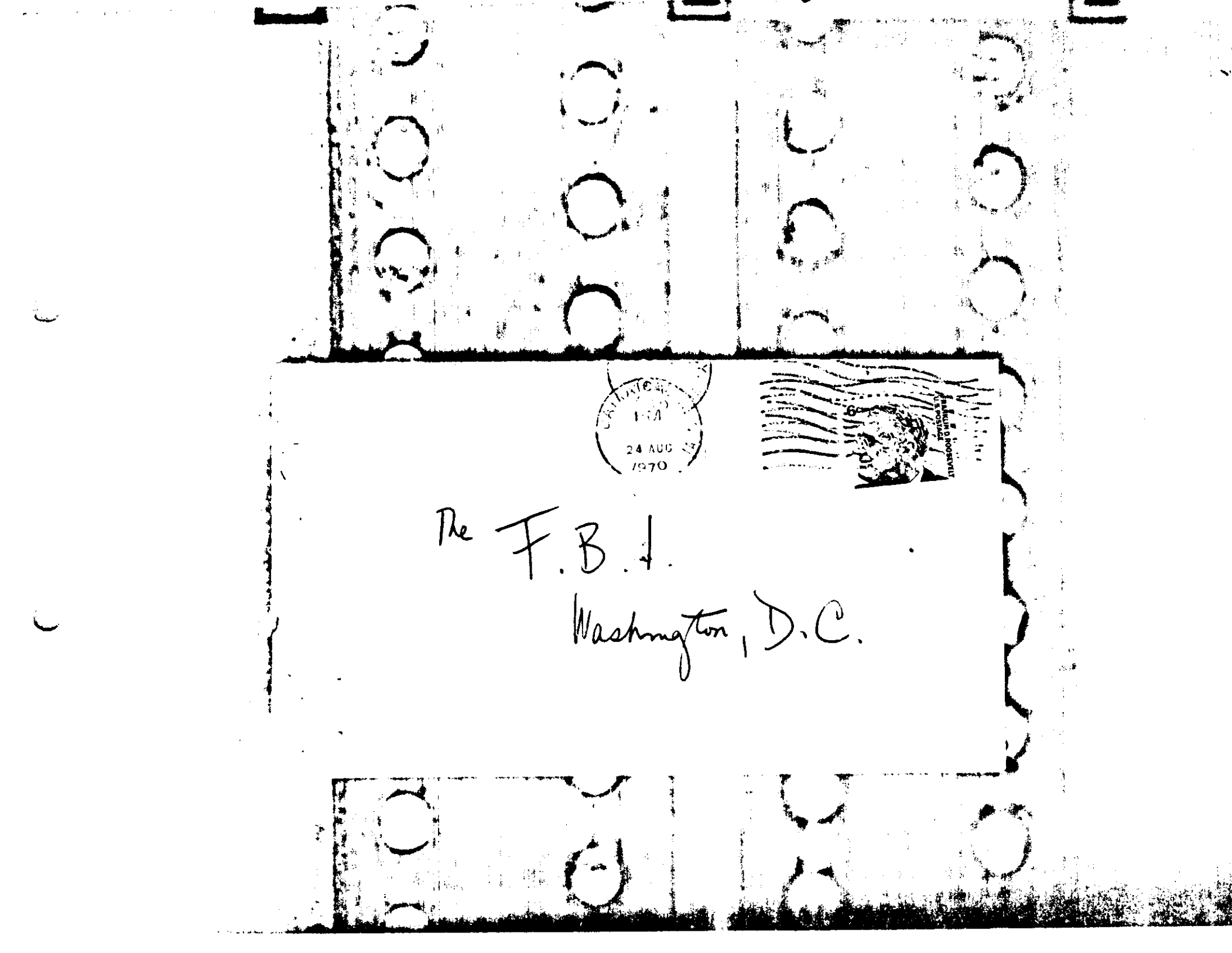
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God help us. A shameful incident. [redacted]

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Bishop

DATE: 8/17/70

FROM : G. E. Malmfeldt

SUBJECT: CORRESPONDENCE AND TELEPHONIC INQUIRIES REGARDING AN ARTICLE IN "TIME" MAGAZINE 8/17/70 CONCERNING A MEETING BETWEEN THE DIRECTOR AND MARTIN LUTHER KING IN 1964

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The purpose of this memorandum is to recommend the handling of communications and telephonic inquiries regarding the wiretapping of Martin Luther King and allegation that we engaged in blackmail in disclosing the results thereof.

We have received a number of letters regarding the article which appeared in "Time" magazine on 8/17/70 concerning the meeting between the Director and Martin Luther King in 1964. This article alleged the Director called King in and confronted him with wiretap information regarding King's extramarital activities. Some of the correspondents have asked if we blackmailed King while others have merely protested the wiretaps of him.

In order that we may be consistent in our replies to such correspondence, there are attached for the Director's approval: 1) a proposed letter wherein correspondent asks about blackmailing of King 2) a proposed letter wherein correspondent asks about our wiretapping of King 3) a proposed letter wherein correspondent is making reference to blackmail and inquires about wiretapping and 4) a copy of an article by Jeremiah O'Leary which appeared in the 6/19/69 issue of "The Evening Star" regarding the King wiretapping. The latter is being furnished for the Director's information as it is noted this article sets forth our position on the wiretapping of King and is being utilized in connection with proposed letters numbers 2 and 3.

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RECOMMENDATION: That the attached proposed letters regarding this matter be approved.

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1 - Mr. Sullivan
1 - Mr. Bishop
1 - Mr. Malmfeldt

FOR APPROVAL
1 - Mr. C. D. Brennan

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Sincerely yours,

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With respect to the remarks in your letter of

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King Wiretap Called RFK's Idea

Hoover Asserts Memo to FBI Cited Concern Over Marxism

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By JEREMIAH O'LEARY
Star Staff Writer

Wiretapping of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s telephone was proposed to the FBI by then Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy in June, 1963, and authorized by him in writing later that year, FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover told The Star today.

Hoover revealed the contents of two memorandums in one of which Kennedy expressed concern about possible infiltration of the race issue by Marxists and spoke of allegations that the Negro leader was closely associated with Marxist ideas and followers.

That memorandum to Hoover, dated June, 1963, was written by Courtney Evans, then assistant director of the FBI and liaison man with the Justice Department. It reported the substance of a conversation Evans had just had with Kennedy in which the Attorney General asked about the feasibility of installing electronic devices on King's telephones. King headed the Southern Christian Leadership Conference.

Concerned About Allegations

Kennedy, according to the Evans memo, was concerned about reports that King was a student of Marxism, that he was associating with a New York attorney with known Communist connections, but that he did not openly espouse Marxism because of his religious beliefs. The Evans memorandum indicated Kennedy wanted to know if it was technically feasible to use electronic devices to prove or disprove these allegations.

The Evans memo said Evans replied to Kennedy that King was a man who traveled almost constantly and that it was extremely difficult to use wiretaps effectively in such cases.

Hoover told The Star that FBI officials also informed Kennedy at that time that they doubted the advisability of undertaking electronic surveillance of Dr. King because of possible political repercussions.

However, the second memorandum cited by Hoover shows that on October 7, 1963, the FBI chief reported to Kennedy that it was then technically feasible to apply wiretaps to King's telephones at two places, one of them at an unnamed location in New York.

That memorandum constituted the FBI's request for authority

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King Wiretap RFK's Idea, Hoover Says

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to proceed with the wiretap proposed by Kennedy four months before. The document bears in the lower left-hand corner the signature, "Robert F. Kennedy," and under the name the date "10-10-63."

Hoover did not indicate to The Star when the surveillance was started but said the taps were discontinued on April 30, 1965. At that time Nicholas Katzenbach was serving as Attorney General.

Asked about the results of the electronic surveillance today, Hoover declined comment.

The FBI director told The Star: "I have never authorized installation of technical electronic devices without written authority of the Attorney General."

Today's disclosures climaxed a long smoldering controversy over the role of the FBI, a subordinate bureau of the Justice Department, in using wiretaps or other electronic devices in investigative matters. The matter came to a head Sunday when Carl Rowan, a columnist for The Star, charged that the FBI had no authority to wiretap Dr. King's conversations. He quoted former Attorney General Ramsey Clark, who succeeded Katzenbach, as saying "the implication that people thought Dr. King was a security threat is outrageous."

The Rowan charges prompted Associate FBI Director Clyde A. Tolson to write to Rowan early this week defending legality of the King wiretaps.

"For your information," Tolson said in his letter, "the wiretap on Martin Luther King Jr. was specifically approved in advance in writing by the late attorney general of the United States, Mr. Robert F. Kennedy."

Tolson added that the monitoring device was "strictly in the field of internal security and therefore was within the provision laid down by the President of the United States."

Evans, now a Washington lawyer, was en route to Puerto Rico today and could not be reached for comment. However, Tuesday night Evans said he had no recollection of whether a wiretap authorization directed at King had ever been involved in his discussion with Kennedy.

Aides to Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass., said today he would have no comment on Hoover's disclosure.

Friends of Robert Kennedy had suggested in recent days that, during 1964, in the period after the assassination of President John F. Kennedy, the attorney general's interest in some of his official affairs had flagged. However, the assassination came nearly six weeks after Robert Kennedy signed the authorization for the King wiretap.

Hoover and Kennedy, after the latter became a New York senator, accused each other of being responsible for use of hidden microphones in investigations.

Evans figured in that controversy when Kennedy made public a February, 1966, letter to him from Evans which made the point that the use of hidden microphones was not Kennedy's responsibility but suggested he may have directly approved the use of wiretaps on phones. That letter said the FBI sent national security wiretap requests to Kennedy for approval.

It is reliably reported that Kennedy was reminded by the FBI that it still had in its files the authorizations signed by him as Attorney General for telephonic wiretaps. However, Hoover did not disclose at that time any names of persons under wiretap surveillance with Kennedy's approval.

At that stage, Kennedy and Hoover broke off the public exchange of charges as if by mutual consent. This was regarded partly as due to Kennedy's realization that his signed authorizations were still in FBI files, partly to the FBI's desire not to have special attention drawn to its investigative techniques nor to engage in a battle with the Kennedy forces that could have political overtones.

The Justice Department on Tuesday declined a direct answer when asked for documentation of Tolson's contention in his letter to Rowan. But earlier this month, a Justice Department spokesman said Hoover was "accurate in every respect" in his repeated statements that all wiretaps were being authorized in advance and in writing by the Attorney General during the time-span of the controversy.

A Justice department spokesman, asked today if Attorney General John N. Mitchell had given Hoover permission to discuss the contents of secret documents of the King wiretapping, replied simply, "no comment."

However, the spokeman recalled that the attorney general had declined to authorize disclosures in court of the basic authority for the wiretapping. Such disclosures had been demanded by defense lawyers in the Houston draft evasion hearing for former boxing champion Cassius Clay. It was during that hearing that the King wiretapping was officially revealed for the first time.

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August 20, 1970

[redacted]
Boulder, Colorado 80302

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J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: On the basis of available information, correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles. She enclosed a news clipping regarding allegations that the FBI blackmailed Martin Luther King. Former SA [redacted] and was dismissed [redacted] while assigned to the [redacted] Office in view of his disregard of Bureau rules and regulations and exceedingly poor judgement.

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover:

Enclosed is a clipping from the local paper. They insinuate that you made a deal with Dr. Martin.

My opinion is that you have been above reporch at all times. I have watched the news over many years. You have been smart enough to employ men with sterling characters, such as

[redacted]
Fort Morgan, Colo.

The FBI has been one branch of the government that has always been, What shall I say? Just about perfect. Your service to your country has been well done.

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REV. MARTIN L. KING, JR.
He took FBI chief's advice.

King Muted FBI Attack, Time Says

NEW YORK —(AP)— A Time magazine article this week says the late Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. muted his criticism of the FBI after its director, J. Edgar Hoover, confronted him with wiretaps revealing King's alleged extramarital activities.

The article, which discusses a new book about King, "The King God Didn't Save," by novelist John Williams, gives its version of a 1964 meeting between King and Hoover.

Time says Williams reports the FBI began tapping King's telephone and bugging his hotel rooms in 1963 and while it uncovered no subversion it "did turn up an astonishing amount of informatoin about King's extensive and vigorous sexual activities."

Time continues: "Williams has the correct outline of the FBI tape story. What he does not have is pecisely what happened at the celebrated meeting between FBI Director Hoover and King in 1964.

"Hoover," Time learned, "explained to King just what damaging private detail he had on the tapes and lectured him that his morals should be those befitting a Nobel Prize winner. He also suggested that King should tone down his criticism of the FBI. King took the advice. His decline in black esteem followed, a decline scathingly narrated by Williams."

The fact that the FBI had been tapping King's telephone was disclosed last year by FBI agent Robert Nichols in a Houston, Tex., courtroom where boxer Cassius Clay was seeking to overturn a sentence for refusal to be inducted into the Army. One of the monitored conversations was between King and Clay.

Nichols was not allowed by the judge to say why King's phone was tapped, but he said it occurred at a time when King was attacking the FBI for assigning Southern agents, rather than Northerners, to protect civil rights workers.

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Medford, Wisconsin 54451

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OFFICE OF DIRECTOR
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

August 12, 1970

Dear Mr. Hoover;

My faith in the integrity of the FBI has just evaporated as my regard for you. You are not worthy of your office.

b7(C) [redacted]
Medford, Wisconsin

MR. TOLSON
MR. SULLIVAN
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MR. BRENNAN, C.D.
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August 12, 1970

Dear Mr. Hoover,

Martin Luller, O.K.

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Mud Yard, Wisconsin

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Time for Hoover to Speak

That the assassinated Martin Luther King possibly had a bad flaw in his personal life, as even spiritual leaders occasionally do, is not the point. Time magazine curently claims that FBI wiretaps revealed this to J. Edgar Hoover.

The point is that secret snoopery into King's private life by an arm of the government could have had no defensible purpose of trying to trap spies or traitors or organized crime bosses. The apparent result, presumably hoped for, was political blackmail.

King's effective leadership for equal rights of black citizens was disturbing to some elements in America. Time's report is that Hoover, with wiretaps in hand, summoned King and "advised" him to moderate his public activities and lower his voice, especially his criticisms of Hoover and the FBI. The aim of the improper surveillance, if that is true, was to muzzle King and destroy his effectiveness.

So it is not the relatives and political heirs and other defenders of King that now have the explaining to do. It is J. Edgar Hoover.

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[redacted]
Tucson, Arizona 85713

b7(c)

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Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: Bufiles reveal prior cordial correspondence wit[redacted] and nothing unfavorable. Our last outgoing was 12/1/64 regarding the Civil Rights Law. She enclosed a newspaper clipping reporting allegations that the FBI blackmailed Martin Luther King.

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Aug-12-70

Dear Mr.Hoover;

A few years ago,the news media showed a picture of King sitting in a communist class with many others-when questioned about it-he said"Oh I was only in there for 45 minutes." What he didnt admit,that,it was for 45 min. a day.

Abernathy did not report the donations in the hundreds of thousand of dollars in that Washington poor man's march.He bought 17 trucks and 3 Cadilacs-his aides, and his wife, bought

a bunch of $400. dresses when they left their air conditioned motel rooms.
They left $650.00 for the the taxpayers to pay for the clean up job-filth.The lack of morals was sinful.
Too many men like Abernathy have the REV.in front of their name-that too,is immoral.
King should be exposed for what he really was.
Too many schools etc.being named after him.
The National Council of Churches too,is infiltrated with reds-they gave a big sum to the Black Panthers-
We should check to see where all these rioters get their money to be anywhere at a given time-

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Aug 17 1970

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TUCSON DAILY CITIZEN

King's Sexual Exploits Said Used By FBI

NEW YORK (UPI) — Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., toned down his criticism of the FBI after its director, J. Edgar Hoover, presented King with wiretapped tapes indicating King's extramarital affairs, Time magazine said yesterday.

King met with Hoover in the FBI director's office in 1964, Time said, where Hoover "explained to King just what damaging private detail he had on the tapes and lectured him that his morals should be those befitting a Nobel prize-winner.

"He also suggested that King should tone down his criticism of the FBI. King took the advice. His decline in black esteem followed . . ." Time said.

The statements are in connection with a report of a new book on King called "The King God Didn't Save" by black novelist John Williams.

The book, with the conclusion that King& was a failure, states that King "was a black man and therefore always was and always would be naked of power, for he was slow, indeed, unable to perceive the manipulation of white power, and in the end white power killed him."

Time said, "Most newspapers ignored the rumors and leaks to them of King's extramarital activities, but their existence undermined King's effectiveness just the same. The effect, says Williams, was one of slow political assassination; 'King was spared it only by the bullet of James Earl Ray."

The incriminating tapes came about, Time said, when the FBI, "suspecting that some of his associates had Communist connections . . . began taping King's telephone and bugging his hotel rooms in 1963.

"From a security viewpoint, the wiretaps uncovered nothing. They established no links between King and the Communists. But, Williams reports, they did turn up an astonishing amount of information about King's extensive and vigorous sexual activities," Time said.

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[redacted]
Burlingame, California 94010

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Dear [redacted]

I have received your letter of August 24th and would like to assure you that the FBI does not engage in blackmail activities. There is not one shred of truth in the allegation that this Bureau blackmailed Martin Luther King.

Enclosed is a copy of a copyrighted article which appeared in "The Evening Star," Washington, D. C., on June 19, 1969, which you may not have had an opportunity to read. The information in this article is a matter of public record regarding the FBI's position in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Enclosure

NOTE: On basis of available information, correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles.

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August 24, 1970

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federa l Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I am deeply converned about recent stories in the newspapers which make a number of allegations against the FBI. The purpose of this letter is to find out the truth.

Please give me the answers to the following questions:

1. Did the FBI use wiretapping and other methods of surviellance to secure information about the private life of Dr. Martin Luther King?

2. Was there anything illegal, or unconstitutional about the above surviellance if it did in fact take place?

3. Did the Director of the FBI use information about Dr. King's personall life to attempt to force Dr. King to stop his criticism of the FBI as was reported in a number of papers?

Thank you very much for any clarification you can provide in regard to this matter.

Sincerely yours,

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REC 45 100-106670-3806

[redacted]
West Hartford, Connecticut 06107

b7(c) Dear [redacted]

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED DATE 2-16-81 SP4J Amlu 6076

Your letter was received on August 24th and I would like to assure you that the FBI does not engage in blackmail activities. Also, there is not one shred of truth in the allegation that this Bureau blackmailed Martin Luther King.

With respect to your comments, I am enclosing a copy of a copyrighted article which appeared in "The Evening Star," Washington, D. C., on June 19, 1969, which you may not have had the opportunity to read. The information in this article is a matter of public record regarding the FBI's position in this matter.

I can most emphatically assure you that this Bureau has not made information regarding Martin Luther King available to any unauthorized source at any time. In keeping with our responsibilities, we have, however, disseminated information concerning King on a high-level basis within the Executive Branch of the Government.

MAILED 22 AUG 27 1970 COMM-FBI

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Enclosure

NOTE: Bufiles contain no record of correspondent.

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August 16, 1970

J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

My dear Mr. Hoover,

It was with a great deal of unrest that I recently completed reading an article concerning a soon-to-be-published book about the late Martin Luther King, "The King God Couldn't Save." The article was echoed in several magazine publications, in newspapers, and on television and radio. My concern centers not on the information concerning Dr. King's extra-marital affairs, but rather on why this information was given to the author of this book. As an American citizen, and a supporting taxpayer of your distinguished Bureau, I find the apparently simple procurement of wiretap information a flagrant degredation of privacy. It is my understanding that wiretapping, when done, is normally highly speculative, exceptionally confidential, and often illegal.

I should apprecaite your taking a moment to explain to me how access to this material was achieved, and if this is common practice?

Very truly yours,

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West Hartford, Connecticut
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Park Ridge, Illinois 60068

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Dear [redacted]

The letter, with enclosure, from you and your husband was received on August 24th and I would like to assure you that the FBI does not engage in blackmail activities. Also, there is not one shred of truth in the allegation that this Bureau blackmailed Martin Luther King.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: There is no record of [redacted] in Bufiles. Enclosed was a copy of an editorial from the "Chicago Daily News," 8/15-16/70 containing unfounded allegations against the Director and the FBI. Bufiles reveal this paper has repeatedly made malicious editorial attacks on the Director and the FBI.

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Park Ridge, Ill. b7(c)
Aug. 18, 1970

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,
Director, FBI
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

The unwarrented infringment on the personal conversations of Dr. Martin Luther King makes all of us less free-less sure that we really live in a democracy.

We fought Word War II, partly to ensure that the type of evesdropping that the Nazi's did to the Jews would not spread to the "free world." It obviously is too late, and, we too, live in a police state.

We call for the immediate resignation of J. Edgar Hoover and a new look at democracy in the FB.I.

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Park Ridge, Ill. 60068

Aug. 18, 1970

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Director, F B I.
Washington, D. C.

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CHICAGO DAILY NEWS

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Blackmail, by any name . . .

The facts about the private life of Dr. Martin Luther King are none of our business; nor are they any valid concern of the director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, J. Edgar Hoover.

But Hoover, according to a current report in Time magazine, made them his business in a peculiarly obnoxious way.

King had been publicly and consistently critical of the FBI. Hoover (the story goes) put a tap on his telephone, and uncovered some gossip about King's extramarital activities. Hoover then called in King, lectured him on morals, and advised him to tone down his criticism of the FBI.

Columnist Carl Rowan, in discussing the article, writes:

"The issue of overriding national importance is not whether King engaged in extramarital sexual activities. . . . The critical question is whether this society is going to permit public officials who tap telephones and bug hotel rooms to blackmail the victims of their spying."

We heartily agree. And blackmail is the right word, even though money was not the objective of the blackmailer.

A petition signed by more than 100 prominent Chicagoans has now been sent President Nixon demanding he fire Hoover.

The move, as we have said time and again, is long overdue.

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August 25, 1970

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[redacted]
Detroit, Michigan 48228

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HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 2-16-81 BY SP4 J Smith
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Dear [redacted]

Your letter, with enclosure, was received on August 20th and I appreciate the interest which prompted you to write and furnish me your views.

I would like to assure you that the FBI does not engage in blackmail activities. Also, there is not one shred of truth in the allegation that this Bureau blackmailed Martin Luther King.

Enclosed is a copy of a copyrighted article which appeared in "The Evening Star," Washington, D. C., on June 19, 1969, which you may not have had an opportunity to read. The information in this article is a matter of public record regarding the FBI's position in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

MAILED 21
AUG 26 1970
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Enclosure

NOTE: Bufiles disclose one prior outgoing to correspondent, 3-1-51, regarding identification matters. He enclosed a copy of an editorial regarding proposed plans for a march on Washington by Ralph Abernathy of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference.

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[redacted], Detroit, Michigan, 48[illegible]-28,
August 15th, 1970.

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D.C.,

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I am certainly gratified and pleased, in reading the current Time Magazine, to note that you debunked the "myth" of the late rabble-rouser and trouble maker Martin Luther King. I hope you will be able to make it three in a row, soon, by debunking the other kooks, namely Doctor Benjamin SPOCK, and Margaret Meade.....who are in the same category as "Rev." King, and whose loyalty to the cause of Communism, I am sure, goes away back over the years.

Mr. Hoover, I would like to suggest a little police strategy, to be taught to policemen selected to attend the FBI Academy. This strategy worked for me many many times over the years I served as an industrial security officer, and in times like we have today, it will work again and again, to the detriment of the habitual criminal. My suggestion is as follows: When a bank robbery or a hold-up has been committed, and TWO or more suspects were involved,.....the Police Department heading such a case, when releasing a report of the robbery to the press, should state that the amount of money stolen was considerably MORE than the actual amount stolen. Here is the psychology behind this. In the criminal element, there are TWO "unpardonable sins,".....informing or testifying against a fellow criminal, AND "HOLDING OUT " more than the fair "divvy" of the loot. Criminals will fight among themselves and kill each other if they feel one of their accomplices "hold out" on the loot. Criminals read the newspaper accounts of their crimes avidly, and such a procedure would put in motion the fighting among themselves that could lead to informing on the other or of killing the suspected hold-out man. And in times like these, if these characters kill themselves off I am sure it is no harm to the public at large. Give it some thought. I guarantee it will be most effective.

Keep up the good work!

Sincerely,

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A new march on Washington?

Three months ago when he was making plans for a civil rights march through the Georgia countryside, the Rev. Ralph Abernathy, head of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, applied to the government for police protection against unlawful disruption by outsiders.

Today, Abernathy is making plans for a march on Washington. He threatens the use of tactics of civil disobedience to bring the Pentagon to a halt and "tie up the whole Washington scene, if necessary."

The good Reverend should make up his mind whether he does or does not believe in law and order. He should also reflect on whether tactics such as those he now proposes haven't lost their effectiveness under the law of diminishing returns.

Americans have gotten their fill of strong-arm, obstructionist methods used in the name of social justice. They are less and less inclined to accept the argument that unlawful means may be used massively to combat unlawfulness. Their resentment has long since been communicated to their representatives and senators in Congress who in turn are more hesitant than in previous times to respond to the pressure of mass obstruction and disobedience.

Some civil rights leaders, observing this development in public and legislative opinion, have wisely pulled away from violent means and disassociated themselves and their organizations from the extremists. But Abernathy seems more and more inclined to ingratiate himself with the implacable militants, who, he apparently fears, may be stealing his thunder. He encourages young people to refuse military service, preaches hostility to constituted authority and plans for the disruption of the center of national government.

All this can only do harm rather than good to the causes he professes to represent. The members of SCLC ought to begin asking whether he has most at heart the interests of his followers or his own ambitions of power and leadership.

DETROIT NEWS, AUG. 5

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[redacted]
Trenton, New Jersey 08638

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b7(c) Dear [redacted]

Your telegram to President Nixon was referred to this Bureau and received on August 24th. I would like to assure you that the FBI does not engage in blackmail activities. Also, there is not one shred of truth in the allegation that this Bureau blackmailed Martin Luther King.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles.

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REC-86 100-106670-3802

August 24, 1970

[redacted]
Columbus, Wisconsin 53925

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My [redacted]

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I have received your letter of August 16th, with enclosures. I would like to assure you that the FBI does not engage in blackmail activities and that there is not one shred of truth in the allegation that this Bureau blackmailed Martin Luther King.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles. Enclosures to her letter are local news clippings regarding the Martin Luther King controversy, the arrest of the Reverend Daniel Berrigan, and an article regarding the 1969 Uniform Crime Reports bulletin.

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J. Edgar Hoover
FBI
Washington, D.C. 20000

August 16, 1970

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Dear Mr. Hoover:

You have long been on my list of people to be admired for what you are doing in public life for the good of our dear country!

However, now in this day and age of racial equality and opportunity I am ashamed for you about releasing the tape alleging sexual activity in the private life of such a hero to many for peace and goodness in American life as Dr. Martin Luther King!

What is the meaning of "Crime Up Sharply in the 60's, FBI says" in the light of this tape release by which you allow a hero to be slandered? It can only lead to more crime and violence--certainly not to any peace and goodness in American life!

It is my opinion too that you owe an apology in TIME, the MILWAUKEE JOURNAL and any other paper or magazine which published the defamatory tape recording!

If you want help in ridding the country (USA) of crime, certainly as Christ says, recorded by three evangelists (Matt. 12,25; Mark 3,24; Luke 11,17) a house divided against itself cannot stand--you should do all you can to align the good efforts of non-violent men like M.L. King and his successors now to your cause, rather than repelling them through such a character slur on their best leader!

The following is a quotation from the Milwaukee Journal, Sunday, August 16, 1970 (today) which also needs attention: Action for Survival scheduled a "march against crime" on Chicago's South Side, closely allied with the Urban League, backed by Rev. Curtis E. Burrell and Rev. Jesse Jackson: "the white economic system that has denied our men and women and young people the jobs and opportunity they need for economic security (and resultant peaceful living), on the crime syndicate that porvides guns and narcotics for our destruction and on the law enforcement system that ignores crimes committed against blacks by blacks and doubly penalizes crimes committed by blacks against whites"--- how can black people gain anything for a good life in this free country of ours unless we work together?

Assuring you of prayers for your own self and your efforts for the good of all people, --are you racially prejudiced? We all owe each other!

Sincerely,

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AUG 19 1970

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MARTIN LUTHER KING

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WISCONSIN STATE JOURNAL, THURSDAY, AUGUST 13, 1970

Crime Up Sharply in '60s, FBI Says

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Serious crime rose by 148 per cent in the turbulent 1960s while the population of the United States increased only 13 per cent, the FBI reported Wednesday.

But Atty. Gen. John N. Mitchell said "the rate of increase slowed down substantially in 1969," President Nixon's first year in office.

THE FBI'S uniform crime report is based on crimes reported to police. There is no way of determining the total number of actually committed.

Five million serious crimes were reported last year — 855,000 of them violent crimes like murder, rape, aggravated assault, and robbery, and 4.3 million involving property such as burglary, larceny of more than $50, and auto theft.

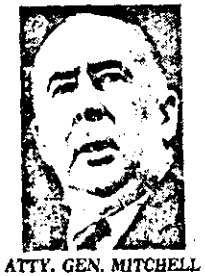
Total property loss was about $2 billion in 1969, less the 47 per cent recovered by police. The overall police rate of solving crimes fell 4 per cent in 1969 for a 10-year decline of 34 per cent.

In the past decade, crimes of violence rose 130 per cent and property crimes were up 151 per cent.

And last year saw the murder of 86 law enforcement officers, virtually all by firearms, the highest of the decade when a total 561 policemen were murdered on duty. Nearly 17 of every 100 law enforcement officers were assaulted on duty last year, up 7 per cent from 1968.

"IN 1969, the number of serious crimes in the United States increased by 12 per cent over 1968, as compared to a 17 per cent increase in 1968 over 1967," Mitchell said in a statement accompanying the FBI report.

Violent crimes were up 11 per cent compared to 19 per cent in 1968, he said, and serious crime in the big cities increased only 9 per cent compared to 18 per cent in 1968.



ATTY. GEN. MITCHELL

But the FBI said suburban areas continued last year to show an above-average rise in the volume of crime—up 13 per cent.

THE USE OF firearms continued upward. Firearms were used in 59 per cent of murders last year, 63 per cent of armed robberies, and 24 per cent of aggravated assaults.

Of the estimated 14,590 murders in 1969, the FBI said that "police are powerless to prevent a large number of these crimes."

"The significant fact emerges that most murders are committed by the relatives of the victim or persons acquainted with the victim," the report said.

"It follows, therefore, that criminal homicide is, to a major extent, a national social problem beyond police prevention. In 1969, killings within the family made up over one-fourth of all murders."

ALL ARRESTS were up 71 per cent in the past decade. The most dramatic increase in arrests were for narcotics law violations — up 492 per cent, primarily due to involvement of the young age group, the FBI said.

A special study of 13,567 criminal offenders released in 1963 showed 65 per cent had been rearrested by the end of 1969. Of those under 20 years of age, 74 per cent were rearrested during the six-year period.

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Aides, Mrs. King Challenge Story

New York, N. Y. –AP– Three colleagues of the late Martin Luther King Jr. Monday denounced as "totally false" a Time magazine report that FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover confronted King with wiretap evidence revealing King's alleged extramarital sex activities.

A fourth associate said Hoover should be suspended for "misuse, abuse and malfeasance in discharging his responsibilities" for the wiretap on King's phone.

The widow of the slain civil rights leader also issued a statement saying the Time story did not correspond with what her husband had told her.

Time stuck by its story.

Discussed Book

Discussing a new book about King, "The King God Didn't Save," by author John Williams, Time said Hoover, meeting with King in 1964, lectured King on his morals and suggested that he tone down his criticism of the FBI.

In a joint statement issued in Atlanta, Ga., the Rev. Ralph David Abernathy, King's successor as head of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, the Rev. Andrew Young and the Rev. Walter E. Fauntroy, declared:

"As participants and witnesses to the discussion between Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and J. Edgar Hoover, we are shocked by Time magazine's totally false report.

"All three of us were present during the entire discussion and at no point did Mr. Hoover lecture Dr. King or even comment on his personal life."

Time "Discredits Self"

The statement said it was "blatantly untrue that Dr. King slowed down his activities because he felt threatened," and added:

"Time magazine discredits itself in seeking to throw mud on a man admired and loved by millions, black and white. It discredits itself in stooping to sensationalism through fiction and irresponsibility.

"We suggest that Time reread its own story on Dr. King's immortal contribution, published when he was named Time's Man of the Year (1964)."

Mrs. Coretta King's statement, also issued in Atlanta, said: "The conversation between my husband and Mr. Hoover, which he related to me, does not correspond at all with the Time magazine report."



Mrs. King



Abernathy



Young



Jackson

A spokesman for Time said later:

"A careful reading of Time's article should make quite clear the magazine's admiration for Dr. King's work — for example, the observations that Dr. King's leadership brought conscience and cohesion to the cause of black equality and that he was the catalyst in the

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formation of a truly national civil rights movement.

"As for the facts in the article, Time stands by its reporting."

Blasts Hoover

In Chicago, the Rev. Jesse Jackson, national director of the SCLC's Operation Breadbasket program, charged the FBI with making the wiretap tapes as "an intentional defamation of character."

Jackson said Hoover, in letting the contents of the tapes become known, was trying "to undercut the trust and respect for the present civil rights leaders." He added:

"Mr. Hoover has stooped to the lowest rungs of viciousness and maliciousness in his underhanded dissemination of information regarding a deceased man."

Asks Investigation

Jackson urged that President Nixon suspend Hoover pending an examination of the FBI director by the civil rights division of the Justice Department, black jurists and lawmakers and white and black psychiatrists.

Time quotes Williams as saying the FBI began tapping King's telephone and bugging his hotel rooms in 1963, and while it uncovered no evidence of subversion it "did turn up an astonishing amount of information about King's extensive and vigorous sexual activities."

The wiretap on King's phone was disclosed last year in Houston, Tex., by an FBI agent testifying at a hearing on boxer Cassius Clay's refusal to be inducted into the Army. The agent was not allowed by the judge to say why King's phone was tapped.

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During the days of Jesus, militant Jews, called "zealots," carried out guerilla raids against the Roman forces occupying Israel.

Many scholars believe that Barrabas, the prisoner Pilate released instead of Jesus, was a zealot.

During our own time, the German theologian Dietrich Bonhoeffer engaged in a secret plot to assassinate Adolf Hitler.

Church people who engage in such acts of violence generally defend themselves on high moral grounds, but the governments involved tend to see them as treason and act accordingly.

Bonhoeffer was executed by the German government. Priests and nuns in Brazil ap-

[illegible] their crimes.

"That isn't quite true. Fr. Berrigan surely knew that he would be arrested some day. He could have fled the country.

But what Fr. Berrigan was not willing to do was to justify the law by willingly giving himself up. Instead, he attempted to make fools of FBI agents, sneaking through their midst time after time to make his escape.

ONE THING, however, is quite clear and that is that the movement is growing.

Not only Stringfellow, but dozens of other middle class business and professional people hid Fr. Berrigan in their homes,

[illegible] young resister and believed when they did so that they were entering a "con[illegible]y."

IN RHODESIA, the Christian churches are openly defying a new apartheid law which requires churches to segregate their worship and service institutions, such as schools and hospitals.

Among the Protestant bodies involved there are the Anglicans, Methodists, Presbyterians, and the Salvation Army.

The Roman Catholic bishops in Rhodesia issued a joint declaration threatening to shut down all Catholic schools, hospitals, and service institutions.

The Catholic schools serve 155,000 children and the 131 hospitals and clinics care for more than 1 million patients a year,

icy is immoral, the clergymen have decided that their loyalty must lie not with "Caesar" but with God.

This is not to say that the clergymen involved are either right or wrong; the debate on that will continue.

But one thing is evident. One no longer can just assume that the church is going to stand for law and order in any given society.

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Concern Is World-Wide

Militant Clergy Trend Widens

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It is getting to the point that your local revolutionary is more likely to wear a clerical collar than a beard.

The change came so slowly that few persons noticed it, but reports from all over the world during recent weeks indicate that Christian clergymen are engaged in revolutionary acts against their governments.

For example, the Rev. Daniel J. Berrigan was arrested Tuesday, at Block Island, R.I., after eluding FBI agents for four months.

MALCOLM BROWNE reports in the New York Times that "the growing association of the priestly cassock with revolutionary violence has become a concern of crisis proportions to both the Roman Catholic Church and the Argentine government."

And United Press International editor Louis Cassels notes that hundreds of Catholic priests, nuns, and lay leaders have been jailed in Brazil because they displeased that nation's military government.

What is being talked about is not the classic kind of civil disobedience made famous by Gandhi and Martin Luther King.

When Dr. King broke a law, he willingly went to jail and fought the law "within the system."

BUT WHEN Fr. Berrigan, a 49-year old Jesuit priest and poet, participated in the destruction of draft records in Catonsville, Md., he jumped bond and went into hiding.

